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FOR THE

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OF THE

NAVAL SERVICE.

VOLUME IX.

No. 1. *16th February* 1903.

N.

EMPLOYMENT OF INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 8th March 1895 and by Your Majesty's Orders in Council of the 10th December 1901 and the 24th April 1902, provision was made for the grant of an allowance of 6*s*. a day each to the Officers of Your Majesty's Royal Marines selected for the duty of collecting intelligence relating to Foreign Fleets, &c. on the Mediterranean and China Stations.

And whereas the employment of officers for special service in the acquisition of such intelligence is of growing importance and circumstances may at any time render it desirable that Intelligence Officers should be employed in connection with other Squadrons than those on the Mediterranean and China Stations.

And whereas the increase in the duties of the Intelligence Officer attached to the Mediterranean Squadron renders it necessary to appoint two Assistant Intelligence Officers for service on the Station, and the requirements of Your Majesty's Fleet may render it necessary from time to time to appoint Assistant Intelligence Officers for service with Squadrons on other Stations abroad.

We therefore beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to

empower us as from the 3rd December 1902 to employ in connection with Your Majesty's Fleet on any Station abroad, an officer of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines as Intelligence Officer and one or more officers as Assistant Intelligence Officers with allowances of 6*s.* and 3*s.* a day respectively, if the exigencies of Your Majesty's Service should render the appointment of such officers expedient.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{2345.}{1903.}$

No. 2. 16*th February* 1903.

N.

INCREASE IN NUMBERS OF CHIEF CARPENTERS AND CARPENTERS.

WHEREAS by Her late Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the twenty-ninth day of November 1898, the number of Chief Carpenters and Carpenters of Your Majesty's Fleet was fixed at two hundred and sixty.

And whereas we are of opinion that, in view of the expansion of Your Majesty's Fleet during the next three years, this number should be raised to a total of three hundred during that period.

We therefore beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to increase the list of Chief Carpenters and Carpenters, as follows:—

——	1902-3.	1903-4.	1904-5.
Chief Carpenters - - - -	20	22	24
Carpenters - - - - -	252	264	276
Total - - -	272	286	300

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have concurred in this proposal.

N. $\frac{2346.}{1903.}$

No. $\frac{3}{M.}$ 16*th February* 1903.

NAVAL OFFICERS TO BE AUTHORISED TO FLY FLAGS ON SHORE AT NAVAL ESTABLISHMENTS, &c.

WHEREAS by a Royal Proclamation made on the first day of January 1801, the Admiralty is granted certain powers to authorise and regulate the use of National Colours, including Ensigns, Flags, Jacks, and Pendants on Ships of Your Majesty's Navy, as well as on Ships of the Mercantile Marine.

And whereas the powers conferred upon the Admiralty by the said Proclamation are limited to jurisdiction over Flags and Colours flown afloat.

And whereas by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty, bearing date the ninth day of July 1864, Regulations were established for the use of certain Flags in the Royal Naval Service, it being therein directed, among other provisions, that the White Flag with a Red St. George's Cross is to be borne by Admirals, Vice-Admirals, and Rear-Admirals on their respective masts; and that Commodores of the first class shall carry a White Broad Pendant with the Red Cross at the main top-gallant masthead, Commodores of the second class a similar Broad Pendant at the fore top-gallant masthead, and Senior Officers, when two or more vessels are present, the Broad Pendant at the mizen top-gallant masthead.

And whereas there are certain appointments for the command of Naval Establishments on shore which are held by officers of Your Majesty's Navy, who are entitled to fly a Flag, Broad Pendant or Pendant, as the case may be, and who, by reason of the limitation of the powers conferred upon us by the before-mentioned Proclamation and Order in Council, are compelled to fly such Flag, Broad Pendant or Pendant, in a vessel afloat, which may not, in other respects, be required for the carrying on of Your Majesty's Naval Service.

We therefore beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to extend the powers already possessed by us for the regulation of the use of Flags afloat, to Flags flown ashore within the limits of any of Your Majesty's Naval Establishments and at any place on shore where Naval jurisdiction may for the time being prevail, and that we may be empowered, in such cases as may seem to us desirable, to authorise any officer of Your Majesty's Navy who is entitled to fly a Flag, Broad Pendant or Pendant

afloat, to fly the same Flag, Broad Pendant or Pendant ashore at any Naval Establishment or other place on shore where Naval jurisdiction may for the time being prevail where he may be directed by us so to do.

No. 4. 16*th February* 1903.

M.

REGULATIONS FOR DOCKYARD PORT OF PORTLAND AMENDED.

WHEREAS by the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, it is enacted that it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council from time to time, by Order in Council, to define the limits of a Dockyard Port for the purposes of that Act, and to make regulations for all or any of the purposes in the said Act particularly mentioned, and for such other purposes as from time to time seem necessary, with a view to the proper protection of His Majesty's vessels, dockyards, or property, or to the requirements of His Majesty's Naval Service:

And whereas by the same Act it is also enacted that in relation to any Dockyard Port, it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council from time to time, by Order in Council, on the joint recommendation of the Admiralty and the Board of Trade, to make rules concerning the Lights or Signals to be carried or used, and the steps for avoiding collisions to be taken by His Majesty's vessels, and other vessels navigating the waters of the Port, and of the approaches thereto:

And whereas, in pursuance of the said Act, certain Regulations and Rules were made by Order in Council, dated the twenty-ninth day of June 1878, with reference to the Dockyard Port of Portland:

And whereas it appears expedient that such Regulations and Rules should be amended:

And whereas the provisions of section one of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act or otherwise in Him vested,

is pleased, on the joint recommendation of the Admiralty and the Board of Trade, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

PRELIMINARY.

1. This Order shall take effect from the date hereof.

2. On this Order taking effect all previous Orders, relative to the matters comprised in this Order, shall cease to operate, and in lieu thereof the Rules and Regulations set forth in the First and Second Schedules to this Order are hereby made and shall have effect in relation to the Dockyard Port of Portland.

3. The terms "Vessel" and "Master" used in this Order shall have the same meaning as in the said Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, and the term "Dockyard Port" shall mean the Dockyard Port of Portland as described in paragraph 4 hereof.

DOCKYARD PORT OF PORTLAND.

4. For the purposes of the said Act and of this Order, the limits of the Dockyard Port of Portland shall be as follows:—

On the north a line drawn east (true) from the Nothe Point, Weymouth.

On the east a line drawn south (true) from a position 3,400 yards east (true) from Nothe Point.

On the south a line drawn east (true) from the North point of Church Cove.

On the west the line of high-water mark of spring tides from the Nothe Point to the North point of Church Cove, except at the entrance to the East Fleet, where the western boundary of the Port shall be the western side of Portland Bridge.

DELINEATION OF LIMITS.

5. The limits mentioned herein are delineated on the Chart annexed to this Order.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS for the Protection of the DOCKYARD PORT OF PORTLAND and of HIS MAJESTY'S property therein, and for ANCHORING, BERTHING, MOORING, and BREAMING in that PORT.

Limits of the Dockyard Port of Portland.

1. On the North, a line drawn east (true) from the Nothe Point, Weymouth.

On the East, a line drawn south (true) from a position 3,400 yards east (true) from the Nothe Point.

On the South, a line drawn east (true) from the North point of Church Cove.

On the West, the line of high-water mark of spring tides from the Nothe Point to the North point of Church Cove, except at the entrance to the East Fleet, where the western boundary of the Port shall be the western side of Portland Bridge.

GENERAL.

2. Moorings for His Majesty's Ships, mark buoys, and other aids to navigation, and such other buoys as may be required for any purpose in connection with Naval or Military operations, shall be placed by the King's Harbour Master as, from time to time, the requirements of His Majesty's Service may demand.

3. Moorings for private vessels may be laid with the permission, in writing of the King's Harbour Master, and in such positions as he shall deem fit, but such moorings shall not be laid without such permission, and shall be forthwith removed on the requisition of the King's Harbour Master to that effect.

4. If at any time the anchor of any Merchant or other private vessel hooks any Government moorings, or any electric cables, or moorings of buoys, the Master or other person having the charge or command of such vessel shall not proceed to unhook the same, but shall forthwith give notice thereof to the King's Harbour Master, in order that aid may be given for clearing such moorings or cables without doing damage to the same.

5. No Merchant nor other private vessel or boat shall make fast to, or lie at, any of the buoys marking the channels or shoals in the Dockyard Port.

6. No Merchant nor other private vessel or boat shall, without licence in writing from the King's Harbour Master, be moored or fastened to any of the Forts, nor to any Government moorings, buoys, piles, or vessels in the Dockyard Port.

7. No fishing from boats shall be carried on within 100 feet of His Majesty's Dockyards or other Government Establishments.

8. No ballast, stones, sand, earth, clay, refuse, ashes, rubbish, dust, filth of any description, nor refuse from any quarry, mine, or pit, nor any other material whatsoever, shall be unladen, cast, nor allowed to fall into the waters of the Dockyard Port, nor upon the banks or any portion of the shore of the said Dockyard Port where the same may be liable to be washed into the waters of the said Dockyard Port by rain, tide, or otherwise; nor into, nor upon the shores of, any rivers or streams discharging into the said Dockyard Port where the same may be liable to be washed into the said rivers or streams by rain, flood, or otherwise.

9. No firearm nor air gun shall be discharged from any boat or ship nor from the shore within the limits of the Dockyard Port, excepting always such discharge of firearms as may be necessary by His Majesty's Naval and Military forces and the Metropolitan Police employed within the limits of the said Port, for drill or practice, and for the protection of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels, and the Naval and Military Magazines and Establishments.

10. No ship's gun on board any Merchant or other private vessel shall be kept loaded nor discharged, except as a signal of distress.

11. No vessel shall anchor on the line of any electric cable laid down in the Dockyard Port, when such line is indicated by whitewashed posts, or other discernible marks erected on shore, and a warning has been conveyed to mariners by notice issued by the Admiralty, and published in the "London Gazette."

12. Whenever it may be necessary for Mining or Gunnery operations or experiments, dredging operations, or other Naval or Military purposes, to reserve any further area than that mentioned in Clause 15 for such operations or purposes, the area will be marked by buoys coloured green and white, or by posts coloured red; and after twenty-one days' warning notice has been issued by the Admiralty, and published in the "London Gazette," no vessel shall anchor within or pass through the area so marked, unless compelled to do so by stress of weather, or to avoid accident; nor when such area is uncovered, or nearly uncovered, at low water, shall any person pass through it, or remain in it, unless by permission of, and under such arrangements as may be from time to time made by, the officer in charge of such operations.

Anchorage Regulations.

General.

13. All Merchant or other private vessels shall be subject to the direction of the King's Harbour Master.

14. All the anchorage within the breakwaters to the eastward of the line drawn in a north (true) direction through two triangular white marks erected on the hillside east of the houses at Castletown, Portland, shall be reserved for the exclusive use of His Majesty's Ships, and no Merchant or other private vessel shall anchor therein, except with the permission of the King's Harbour Master.

15. The area within the breakwaters lying westward of the above-mentioned line drawn through the white marks, and northward of a line drawn S. 80° E. (true) from the end of the Torpedo Pier at the north side of the entrance to the Fleet, is reserved for a Torpedo Range, and no vessels shall anchor therein, except with the permission of the King's Harbour Master.

16. Merchant or other private vessels may, subject to the direction of the King's Harbour Master, anchor westward of the above-mentioned line drawn through the white marks, and southward of the above-mentioned line drawn S. 80° E. (true) from the end of the Torpedo Pier.

Penalties.

17. The Master of every Merchant or other private vessel to which this Order relates shall observe and cause to be observed the provisions of this Order as far as it relates to his vessel, and if any Master or other person acts in any respect in contravention of any of the foregoing provisions and regulations of this Order, or fails to observe, or cause the same or any of them to be observed in any respect, he shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding the sum of ten pounds.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Rules concerning Lights and Signals to be used, and the steps to be taken for avoiding Collisions in the Dockyard Port of Portland, and the approaches thereto :—

Limits of Dockyard Port of Portland.

1. On the North, a line drawn east (true) from the Nothe Point, Weymouth.

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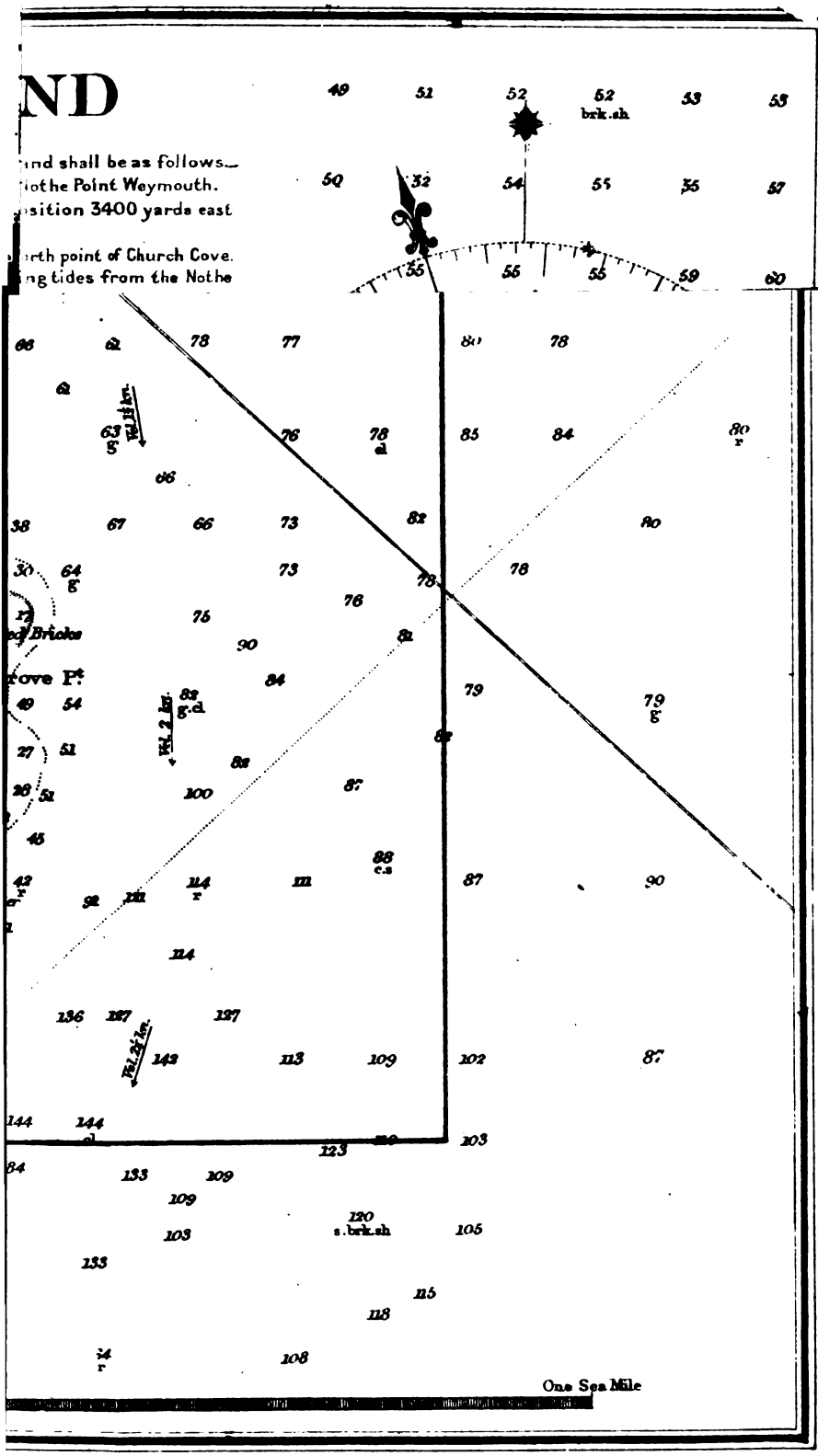
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On the South, a line drawn east (true) from the North point of Church Cove.

On the West, the line of high-water mark of spring tides from the Nothe point to the North point of Church Cove, except at the entrance to the East Fleet where the western boundary of the Port shall be the western side of Portland Bridge.

General.

2. All sea-going vessels, when within the limits of the Dockyard Port of Portland, shall carry such Lights as are prescribed by the "Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea" made from time to time under the Merchant Shipping Act; and all vessels of every description shall also observe the steering and sailing rules set forth in such Regulations, except in so far as they are affected by the Regulations herein-after contained.

3. Small fishing boats and all other boats of every description at anchor in any part of the Dockyard Port at night, shall exhibit a white light, visible all round at a distance of at least one mile.

4. Small fishing boats, and all other boats, sailing or rowing, in any part of the Dockyard Port at night, shall have ready at hand a white light, and shall exhibit the same on approaching or being approached by any vessel or boat under way.

5. When any Ship or Ships are about to enter from seaward any of the Channels between the breakwaters, no vessel proceeding outward by the same Channel shall enter the said Channel until the before-mentioned Ship or Ships shall have passed in.

6. When two or more of His Majesty's ships are about to pass in or out of any of the Channels between the breakwaters, no other Ship shall attempt to enter the same Channel until His Majesty's Ships are clear.

7. Whenever practice with locomotive torpedoes takes place, a red Flag will be hoisted at the firing point to warn vessels not to cross the area reserved by Clause 15 of the First Schedule for torpedo practice, and no vessels or boats shall at such time cross the said area.

8. No trawling or fishing by nets shall be carried on within the breakwaters, or in such other parts of the Dockyard Port of Portland as will obstruct vessels passing in or out of the Channels between the breakwaters.

No. 4 *Admiralty Orders in Council.*

Penalties.

9. The Master of every Merchant or other private vessel, or person in charge of any boat to which this Order relates, shall observe, and cause to be observed, the provisions of this Order as far as it relates to his vessel or boat; and any such Master or person by his wilful default infringing or causing any infringement of any of the provisions of the Second Schedule of this Order will be guilty of a misdemeanour.

No. 5. *16th February* 1903.
A.G.

SPECIAL STATIONERY ALLOWANCES.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of 11th June 1902 we were given discretion to grant a special allowance at a rate not exceeding Fifteen pounds a year for the purpose of providing the stationery required by a Commanding Officer in carrying out the duties of a Senior Officer of a Detached Squadron or of a Division of a Station;

And whereas we are of opinion that this discretionary power should be extended to cover any case in which it may be necessary to vary an existing allowance for stationery or to establish a new one, within the same limit of Fifteen pounds;

We humbly recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction this proposal.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in the proposal.

No. 6. *16th February* 1903.
A.G.

SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES TO COAST GUARD OFFICERS AND MEN SERVING AT FLYING DETACHMENTS AND WAR SIGNAL STATIONS.

New Rates of.

WHEREAS by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 19th of August 1889 certain rates of Subsistence Allowance were authorised to be paid to Coast Guard Officers and Men;

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to establish new rates of Subsistence for such of these Officers and Men as may be serving at Flying Detachments or War Signal Stations;

We beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following rates of Subsistence Allowance accordingly, to take effect from the 22nd November 1902,

"When employed at Flying Detachments of, or War Signal Stations within 10 miles of, their own Stations, and compelled to sleep and have their meals there

"Chief Officers and Chief Boatmen in charge - - - 1*s.* a day.

"Chief Boatmen and other ratings - 6*d.* a day."

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

E. $\frac{939.}{1903.}$

No. 7. 16*th February* 1903.

N.

INCREASE IN NUMBERS OF LIEUTENANTS, SUB-LIEUTENANTS, AND MIDSHIPMEN, R.N.R.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the Eighth day of February 1896, the number of Lieutenants, Sub-lieutenants, and Midshipmen of Your Majesty's Royal Naval Reserve was fixed at 1,500:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is necessary to increase this number, in order to meet the immediate requirements of Your Majesty's Fleet:

We therefore beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the increase of the number of Lieutenants, Sub-lieutenants, and Midshipmen of the Royal Naval Reserve from 1,500 to 1,550 from the first day of April 1903.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{2484.}{1903.}$

No. 8. 16*th February* 1903.
N.

NUMBERS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS INCREASED.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the Twenty-fourth day of March 1902, the number of Medical Officers of Your Majesty's Fleet was fixed at—

Inspectors General and Deputy Inspectors General (of whom not more than 5 may be Inspectors General) - - -	19
Fleet and Staff Surgeons and Surgeons -	502
Total - -	521

And whereas we are of opinion that it is necessary to increase this number by the addition of 23 Officers during the forthcoming financial year.

We therefore humbly beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to raise the number of Medical Officers to the total of 544, as follows :—

Inspectors General and Deputy Inspectors General (of whom not more than 5 may be Inspectors General) - - -	19
Fleet and Staff Surgeons and Surgeons -	525
Total - -	544

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. 2485./1903.

No. 9. 16*th February* 1903.
N.

INCREASED RATE OF PENSION TO CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS.

WHEREAS under present Regulations the Chief Petty Officers of Your Majesty's Navy receive additions to the pensions awarded them as Seamen at the same rate as First Class Petty Officers.

And whereas we are of opinion that the superior position and increased responsibility of Chief Petty Officers should be

recognised by their being granted such additions at a higher rate than First Class Petty Officers.

We therefore humbly beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the grant to all Chief Petty Officers who may be pensioned on or after the First day of April 1903, of an allowance of ½*d.* a day for every year served in the rating of Chief Petty Officer subsequent to the completion of the first period of Continuous Service Engagement, in addition to the allowances to which they are entitled under existing Regulations.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{8460.}{1903.}$

No. 10. *16th February* 1903.

N.

NAVAL OFFICERS APPOINTED GOVERNORS OF SELF-GOVERNING COLONIES, AND NAVAL OR MARINE OFFICERS ON STAFF.

Time to count as Full Pay Time.

WHEREAS Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council bearing date the eleventh day of August 1902, to sanction the half pay time of Vice-Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, K.C.B., as Governor of New South Wales, and of the Naval and Marine Officers who were selected to serve on his staff as Secretary and Aide de Camp respectively, being allowed to count in full for all Naval purposes.

And whereas the similar appointment of Admiral Sir Frederick George Denham Bedford, G.C.B., to be Governor of Western Australia, and of a Naval Officer and Marine Officer as his Secretary and Aide de Camp respectively, has also necessitated the removal of these Officers to the Half Pay Lists of Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces.

And whereas we are of opinion that the exceptional circumstances of the appointment of a Naval Officer as Governor of a British self-governing Colony justify a modification of the general regulations, which do not admit of time on half pay counting as full service for Naval purposes.

No. 10 *Admiralty Orders in Council.*

We therefore humbly beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction such half pay time counting in full for all Naval purposes in the case of Admiral Sir Frederick George Denham Bedford, G.C.B., as Governor of Western Australia, and of any Naval or Marine Officers selected to serve with him, while holding that appointment, as his Secretary and Aide de Camp, and also in the case of any future appointments upon the staff of Vice-Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, K.C.B., in replacement of the Officers named in Your Majesty's Order in Council of eleventh day of August 1902 before recited.

We further humbly beg leave to recommend that in any future appointment of a Naval Officer as Governor of a self-governing Colony, and of Naval or Marine Officers on his Staff, during such appointment, as Secretary and Aide de Camp, thereby necessitating their removal to the Half Pay Lists, the half pay time so served by them may similarly be allowed to count in full for all Naval purposes.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have concurred in these proposals.

N. $\frac{2486.}{1903.}$

No. 11. 16*th February* 1903.

A.G.

ALLOWANCE TO OFFICER IN CHARGE OF STORES AT PORTLAND OR ANY OTHER NAVAL RIFLE RANGE.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the pay and position of the Officer appointed for duties in connection with Portland Naval Rifle Range, ncluding charge of the Stores at the Range:

And whereas the Stores in question are of considerable value and great responsibility is involved in their custody:

We therefore humbly beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to empower us to award at our discretion, as from the 1st April 1902—in respect of the care of these Stores or of those at any other Naval Rifle Range—an allowance according to the rank and service of the Officer in charge on the scale established

by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 6th March 1896, viz.:—

Chief Gunner - - - -	1*s.* a day.
Gunner under 5 years' service - -	6*d.* a day.
Gunner after 5 years' service - -	8*d.* a day.
Gunner after 10 years' service - -	10*d.* a day.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N.P. $\frac{613.}{1903.}$

No. 12. 16*th February* 1903.

A.G.

PAY AND ALLOWANCES TO R.N.R. OFFICERS DURING INTERVALS BETWEEN APPOINTMENTS.

WHEREAS in the Regulations respecting Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve permission is given for these Officers to be appointed for voluntary service in Your Majesty's Fleet:

And whereas the interval between the date on which one appointment of an individual Officer for such service ceases and that when another appointment of the kind for him commences is in many cases so short that during the period concerned the Officer is unable to obtain other employment:

We therefore beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to empower us, as from the 1st July 1900, in regard to these intervals, to award to the Officers pay and allowances as though they were actually serving and to enter them on the books of one of Your Majesty's Ships accordingly, provided that in no case shall pay be granted under these conditions for more than forty-two days.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{621.}{1903.}$

No. 13. 16*th February* 1903.

A.G.

ALLOWANCE TO PERSONS ACTING AS SHIP'S COOKS AND SHIP'S STEWARDS.

WHEREAS it is provided under the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service, Appendix VI.,

Part 2, page 1086, Nos. 3 and 5, that persons acting as Ship's Cooks and Ship's Stewards (or Ship's Stewards' Assistants) in vessels in the Fleet Reserve of Your Majesty's Navy, on board which care and maintenance parties sleep and are victualled, are each to receive an allowance of 6*d.* a day for these duties ;

And whereas it has been found that from time to time men have to be employed under similar conditions on board vessels in the Dockyard Reserve of Your Majesty's Navy ;

We therefore beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment, as from the 9th July 1901, of the above-mentioned allowance to the persons performing these duties on any vessel on board which care and maintenance parties sleep and are victualled.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{583.}{1903.}$

No 13A. 16*th February* 1903.
G.

ARTIFICER DIVERS—PAY INCREASED.

WHEREAS, by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the Twenty-sixth day of October 1899, sanction was given to a scheme of pay for men who qualified as Artificer Divers in Her Majesty's Fleet.

And whereas it has been found that the inducement offered to men, under this authority, to qualify for this rating has not proved so effective as was desired.

We are of opinion that in order to further encourage men to qualify as Artificer Divers, it is necessary to still further increase their pay for this duty.

We therefore beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the substitution, as from the 1st October 1902, of the following scale of pay of Artificer Divers in Your Majesty's Fleet for that at present in force :—

(*a*) That the daily pay as Artificer Diver be increased to 6*d.* in lieu of 1*d.* a day at present payable.

(*b*) That Artificer Divers when actually employed in diving, and not paid a bonus or gratuity for special

work in connection with such employment, be paid as follows:—

Depth.	Time under Water.	
	Per First Hour.	For every subsequent Half Hour.
Fathoms.	s. d.	s. d.
1 to and including 6 - - -	6 0	1 6
From 6 " " 12 - - -	6 9	2 3
" 12 " " 20 - - -	7 6	3 0
" 20 " " 25 - - -	9 0	3 9

(c) That Artificer Divers, when actually employed under water on a purely mechanical piece of work which the ordinary diver is not capable of efficiently performing, and when not paid a bonus or gratuity, be paid half a day's pay of their substantive rating for every hour and proportionately for parts of an hour, in addition to the extra pay for the several depths.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

G. $\frac{2226.}{1903.}$

No. 14. *12th March* 1903.

G.H.

PENSIONS TO WIDOWS AND ALLOWANCES TO CHILDREN OF MEN WHOSE DEATHS ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SERVICE.

Amended Rules for Grant of.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 12th December 1883, regulations were established for the grant from the fu ds of Greenwich Hospital of Pensions to Widows and Allowances to Children of Seamen, Marines, and other Seafaring Persons who have been killed or drowned on duty in the service of the Crown or who have died from the effects of injuries or diseases caused by accident, extraordinary exposure, or exertion on Service:

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And whereas it is among other things directed that in cases of death from the effects of such injuries or diseases Pensions and Allowances can only be granted when it is proved to the satisfaction of the Admiralty that the men have died within twelve months after being first certified to be ill:

And whereas we consider it desirable to extend this period from twelve months to two years:

We beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the amendment of the regulations accordingly, such amendment to be applicable to the cases of men who have died since the 11th October 1899.

No. 15. *12th March* 1903.

N.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A ROYAL MARINE OFFICERS' RESERVE.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Royal Warrant for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion, and Non-Effective Pay of Your Majesty's Army, Retired Combatant Officers are liable to be recalled to service at a time of emergency:

And whereas we are of opinion that certain Retired Officers of Your Majesty's Royal Marines, under the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, should be similarly liable to be recalled to service in time of war or emergency:

We therefore humbly beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the formation of a Royal Marine Officers' Reserve under the following Regulations:—

I.

An Officer of the Royal Marines, under the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, who is permitted to retire from the Active List at his own request, with retired pay or gratuity under the Regulations laid down for voluntary retirement, shall, until he has reached the age of 50, be liable to recall for service with the Corps on an emergency, and will be placed on the list of Reserve of Officers from the date of retirement.

II.

An Officer under the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel who is compulsorily retired under the Regulations on account of age, shall be eligible, and may at any time

offer himself to be enrolled for service with the Corps in time of emergency, provided he is not more than 50 years of age and is medically fit for service. If his services be accepted his name will be placed on the list of Reserve of Officers.

III.

Officers who have been, or may be, removed from the Active List of the Royal Marines on resignation, or from any other cause, may apply to be placed on the list of the Reserve of Officers. If they be accepted the Commissions formerly held by them will be restored and they will hold the rank and be entitled to wear the uniform of their last service in the Corps.

IV.

A Reserve Officer shall, if his services have been of a special character, be eligible—

(1) for a step of substantive or honorary rank on retirement; or

(2) for a step of Brevet rank for distinguished service.

We also humbly beg leave to recommend that we may be authorised, with the consent of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury, to frame such rules respecting the remuneration of these Officers as may be necessary from time to time.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{3781.}{1903.}$

No. 15*. *12th March* 1903.

N.

WAGES AND VICTUALS FOR THE FLEET, 1903–4.

His Majesty in Council was this day pleased to declare it necessary for His Majesty's Service that timely provision for Sea Victuals be made for—

103,063 Officers, Seamen, and Boys, including those in Shore Establishments.

12,000 Marines afloat, } including those in Shore Estab-
7,800 Marines on shore, } lishments.

4,237 Coastguard on shore.

127,100 Total, to serve in His Majesty's Navy for 12 calendar months: And to that end His Majesty doth hereby order

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that the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do prepare the Estimates of the Charges as well of the said Victuals as of the Wages of the said Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Boys, for the said 12 calendar months, commencing on the 1st day of April 1903, and ending the 31st day of March 1904, and present the same to His Majesty at this Board.

No. 16. *12th March* 1903.

N.

STAFF FOR PHYSICAL TRAINING DUTIES IN H.M. FLEET—REVISION AND EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENTS TO.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the twenty-fourth day of March 1902, we were empowered to revise and extend the system of instruction in Physical Training as followed in Your Majesty's Fleet:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to provide for the further development of this system of instruction in physical training:

We therefore humbly beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the substitution, as from 1st April 1903, of the following provisions for those contained in the Order in Council of the above-mentioned date:—

I. The appointment of a Commander as Superintendent of Gymnasia, and of Lieutenants of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines as Inspectors of Gymnasia. The Superintendent and each Inspector of Gymnasia to receive an allowance of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day in addition to the full pay of their rank.

II. The division of the non-substantive rating of Gymnastic Instructor into three classes, and the grant of an allowance for each class upon the following scale in addition to the 2*d.* a day for which each Gymnastic Instructor may be eligible as "Qualified in Gunnery":—

1st Class - -	1*s.* a day.
2nd „ - -	6*d.* „
3rd „ - -	2*d.* „

III. The extension of the rating of Petty Officer, 1st Class to men who may be rated Gymnastic Instructor after qualifying, and to present Gymnastic Instructors on re-qualifying if they should be retained in their Gymnastic Instructor rating.

IV. Any man who receives the rating of Gymnastic Instructor not to be allowed to hold at the same time any Gunnery or Torpedo rating higher than "Qualified in Gunnery."

V. The establishment of Staff Appointments, to be filled by selection from Gymnastic Instructors, and to carry with them the following titles and rates of pay, in addition to the allowance of 2*d.* a day for men who may be "Qualified in Gunnery," viz.

Senior Staff Gymnastic Instructor 1*s.* 6*d.* a day.
Staff Gymnastic Instructor - 1*s.* 3*d.* „

We further humbly beg leave to recommend that we may be authorised to appoint Lieutenants of the Royal Navy or Lieutenants of the Royal Marines as Inspectors of Gymnasia, and also Gymnastic Instructors as Senior Staff Instructor or Staff Instructors of Gymnasia, in such numbers as we may determine, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified the concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{3780.}{03.}$

No. N. $\frac{16A.}{R.M.}$ 12*th March* 1903.

FREE ISSUE OF CANVAS SHOES TO WARRANT OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE ROYAL MARINES.

WHEREAS under Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 28th day of November 1899, the gratuitous supply was authorised to Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Marines serving in Barracks, of one pair of canvas shoes per annum, to relieve the feet after marching, &c.

And whereas we are of opinion that the circumstances of a Royal Marine's employment render an extension of the issue of these canvas shoes desirable.

No. 16A *Admiralty Orders in Council.*

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the free issue of canvas shoes from the 23rd April 1903 (the Annual Clothing date) to Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Marines whenever we may consider that the circumstances of the Marine's employment render it desirable.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

R.M. $\frac{5342.}{1902.}$

No. 17*. *28th March* 1903.

N.

NAVAL RELATIVE RANK OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NAVY.

WHEREAS Her late Majesty was graciously pleased by Her Order in Council, bearing date the 12th day of December 1877, to establish that Inspectors General of Hospitals and Fleets should rank as Rear Admirals according to the date of Commission, and that Deputy Inspectors General of Hospitals and Fleets should rank as Captains of over three years standing.

And whereas the Naval Medical Officer holding the appointment of Director-General of the Medical Department of Your Majesty's Navy for the time being has as such no Naval relative rank.

And whereas we are of opinion that the important administrative duties which devolve upon the Director-General of the Naval Medical Department render it desirable that the Officer for the time being holding this appointment should have a higher Naval relative rank than that which he would hold by virtue of his position on the general list of Medical Officers of the Fleet.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to establish that the Officer holding for the time being the appointment of Medical Director-General of the Navy shall be granted, at our discretion, the Naval relative rank of Vice-Admiral, if he should be an Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets, and that of Rear-Admiral if he should be of the rank of Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets.

We further beg leave humbly to recommend that a Medical Officer, after relinquishing the post of Director-General, may be allowed, at our discretion, to assume on retirement from the Active List the relative Naval rank accorded to him by virtue of his service as Director-General, if he should not otherwise become entitled to it under existing regulations.

No. 18. *28th March* 1903.

N.

UNIFORM RATE OF PAY TO RECRUITING STAFF OFFICERS AND AWARD OF GRATUITIES.

WHEREAS by Order in Council of Her late Majesty, bearing date the 29th June 1895, the status and pay of Recruiting Staff Officers, Royal Marines, was established as follows :—

3 Recruiting Staff Officers, Class I., to receive £250 per annum,

7 Recruiting Staff Officers, Class II., to receive £200 per annum,

in each case without any other allowances (except when travelling on duty), but to be allowed to draw their retired pay in full without any deduction.

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable that these classes should be abolished, and that all Recruiting Staff Officers of Your Majesty's Royal Marines should be paid in future at a uniform rate, power being reserved to us to specially reward the most meritorious Officers.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve that all Recruiting Staff Officers hereafter appointed be paid at the uniform rate of £200 per annum without any other allowances (except when travelling on duty) and be allowed to draw their retired pay in full without any deduction, and further that the three sums of £50 each thus released be awarded annually at our discretion to the three Recruiting Staff Officers whose Districts show the most meritorious results during the year.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{4648.}{1903.}$

No. 19. *28th March* 1903.

N.

AMENDED CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR DOMESTICS IN R.N.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 29th January 1900, certain improvements were introduced in the pay and position of Domestics in Your Majesty's Fleet:

And whereas we are of opinion that certain amendments are necessary in the conditions of service of these ratings as therein laid down:

We therefore beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals:—

I. That in lieu of Sections 2 and 3 of the Order in Council of 29th January 1900, the following regulations be approved, to take effect as from the 1st day of April 1902:—

(*a*) That Domestics invalided from abroad shall be borne on ships' books and paid for a period, not exceeding thirty days while in Hospital, unless found unfit for further service before the expiration of that period, provided that their pay while under treatment shall be subject to the usual Hospital stoppages upon the scale laid down for Continuous Service men.

(*b*) That Domestics invalided from abroad or discharged from Your Majesty's Ships, whether in commission or on paying off, shall, unless discharged for misconduct or incompetence, or at their own request, be eligible for the same amount of full pay leave as Continuous Service ratings.

(*c*) That at the expiration of their full pay leave, or upon their discharge as cured from Hospital, after invaliding from abroad, if no leave be due to them, Domestics shall, if recommended by their Commanding Officer, be borne on the books of a Depôt for a period not exceeding three months.

(*d*) That while Domestics are borne on the books of a Depôt Ship for disposal, Officers except Flag Officers and Officers in command of Your Majesty's Ships or Naval Establishments,

shall be required to take their servants from among the number of Domestics so borne.

II. That the preceding rules (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) shall not apply to Domestics entered for temporary service only.

III. That the Clothing Gratuity at the rate of £2 a year, authorised by the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service to be paid in respect of Marine Servants, shall also be payable, at our discretion, in respect of Domestic ratings employed in Naval Establishments at Home as personal servants to Officers or as Mess Waiters.

IV. That Domestic ratings employed in the instruction of newly-entered Domestics in Naval Establishments at Home shall, at our discretion, be granted an instruction allowance of 6*d.* a day.

V. That we may be empowered to enter Native Domestics, whether British subjects or not, at such rates of pay as may be thought fit in each case, provided that in any case the rates already payable to Domestics of British nationality (including Maltese), as laid down in Your Majesty's Regulations for the Navy, be not exceeded, and that we may make it a condition of entry that a candidate shall have no claim to pension.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{4649.}{1903.}$

No. 20. *28th March* 1903.

N.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSIONED RANK OF CHIEF ARTIFICER ENGINEER.

WHEREAS by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing the date of eighteenth day of May 1897 the Warrant rank of Artificer Engineer was established in Your Majesty's Navy:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to introduce the Commissioned rank of Chief Artificer Engineer to which Artificer Engineers can be advanced:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to

sanction the creation of this rank and the application of the following Regulations to the Officers advanced thereto to take effect from the first day of April 1903:—

RELATIVE RANK.

To rank with Chief Gunners, Chief Boatswains, and Chief Carpenters, according to the dates of their respective commissions.

FULL PAY.

To receive the following rates of pay:—

	s.	*d.*	
On promotion to Chief Artificer Engineer	11	6	a day.
After 2 years - - - -	12	0	„
„ 4 „ - - - -	12	6	„
„ 6 „ - - - -	13	0	„
„ 8 „ - - - -	13	6	„

To be eligible for charge pay and all allowances payable to Artificer Engineers.

PENSION.

To be entitled to the same pension as for Chief Gunners, Chief Boatswains, and Chief Carpenters subject to the modification that time served before promotion shall count at the rate of £2 10*s.* for each year's service as Chief Petty Officer, and at the rate of £1 10*s.* for each year's continuous service prior to being rated Chief Petty Officer, this latter rate to apply also, as regards corresponding service, to the pensions of Artificer Engineers who have risen to that rank from the grade of Boy Artificer.

Pensions for hurts and wounds, Widows' Pensions, and Compassionate Allowances to Children to be granted under conditions similar to those applicable to Chief Gunners, Chief Boatswains, and Chief Carpenters.

Chief Artificer Engineers to be included among Officers exempt from messing contribution under Article 1559 of the Regulations for the conduct of Your Majesty's Naval Service.

The number of Chief Artificer Engineers during the year ending thirty-first day of March 1904 not to exceed 44, and in future not to exceed one-third of the total number of Chief Artificer Engineers and Artificer Engineers combined.

The Lord Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in the above proposals.

N. $\frac{4650.}{1903.}$

No. 21.
N.

28th March 1903.

INTRODUCTION OF RATINGS OF BOY ARTIFICER, MECHANICIAN, AND YEOMAN OF STORES.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the question of the entry and training of Engine Room Artificers of Your Majesty's Fleet:

And whereas we are of opinion that a proportion of the Engine Room Artificers required should be entered as Boys and trained in the Reserves at the Naval Ports:

And whereas we are further of opinion that it is necessary to establish certain ratings and allowances capable of being granted to the Stokers of Your Majesty's Fleet:

We therefore humbly beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals:—

I. The establishment of the rating of Boy Artificer to be borne on Ship's Books with pay as follows:—

First Year - -	6*d.* a day	In addition to victualling.
Second Year -	7*d.* ,,	
Third Year - -	8*d.* ,,	
Fourth Year -	9*d.* ,,	

On completion of four years' training in the Reserves, and having passed the required technical examination, to be rated Engine Room Artificer, 5th class, with the rank of Petty Officer, 2nd class, and pay of 3*s.* a day.

Time served as Engine Room Artificer, 5th class, to count for advancement.

On reaching the age of 21, and having completed five years' training, including a year's practical training in sea going ships, to be eligible for the rating of Acting Engine Room Artificer, 4th class, with the pay and advantages of that rating, and subject to the same regulations.

Boy Artificers to receive, on entry, a Clothing Gratuity of £9 (subject to such conditions as to payment as we may direct), in addition to the usual Bedding Gratuity of One Pound when necessary, and to receive a further Clothing Gratuity of Three Pounds ten shillings on being rated Acting Engine Room Artificer, 4th class.

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II. The establishment of the rating of "Mechanician" with the rank of Chief Petty Officer, with pay as follows:—

	s.	d.	
On advancement - -	3	0	a day.
After 3 years - -	3	6	„
„ 6 „ - - -	4	0	„
„ 9 „ - -	4	6	„
„ 12 „ - - -	5	0	„

To be eligible for Badge Pay and for Stoker Mechanic Pay.

To be eligible for extra pay for Engineering Work at rate of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day, and for extension pay.

III. The introduction of the non-substantive rating of Yeoman of Stores to be held in such ships as the Admiralty may direct by a Stoker rating, with an allowance of fourpence a day in addition to the pay and allowances of his rating.

IV. The grant of an allowance of 6*d.* a day to the Stoker ratings selected to perform the duty of Engineer's Writer, in such ships as the Admiralty may direct, in addition to their pay and allowances.

V. The foregoing proposals to take effect as regards Boy Artificers from 1st January last, and as regards the other ratings from 1st April next.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{4646.}{1903.}$

No. 22. 28*th March* 1903.

N.

AMENDED ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE ROYAL MARINES.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the additional work devolving upon the Head Quarters Staff of the Corps of Your Majesty's Royal Marines, and upon the Staff of the Royal Marine Recruiting Department in London, in consequence of the increase in the strength of the Corps:

And whereas we are of opinion that the number of Staff Clerks upon the Head Quarters Staff should be increased by

one, and that a Staff Clerk should be added to the Staff of the Recruiting Department:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable that the Armourer Sergeants of the Royal Marine Artillery and Royal Marine Light Infantry should be included in the number of Sergeants of their respective Corps so as to admit of their being promoted to the rank of Colour Sergeant:

We therefore beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to sanction an amendment of the Establishment of Officers and Men of the Royal Marines so as to include these proposals without however increasing the total number allowed, as shown in the annexed Table.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

ROYAL MARINE FORCES.

Revised Establishment.

Staff of the Corps.

Deputy Adjutant General	1
Assistant Adjutant General	1
Deputy Assistant Adjutant General	1
Quartermasters	2
Superintending Clerks (Warrant Officers)	3
Staff Clerks (Non-commissioned Officers)	5
	13

Recruiting Service.

Inspector of Marine Recruiting	1
Staff Officers, Class I. (Retired Officers)	3
Staff Officers, Class II. (Retired Officers)	8
Staff Clerk (Non-commissioned Officer)	1
	13

For Service at Clothing Depôts.

Malta: Warrant Officer (Sergeant Major)	1
Hong Kong: Warrant Officer (Sergeant Major)	1
	2

Royal Marine Artillery.

Colonel Commandant		1
Colonel 2nd Commandant		1
Lieutenant Colonels		4
Majors	To include Gunnery, Musketry, and Gymnastic Instructors, Superintendent of Swimming Instruction, Staff Officer, and Adjutant	14*
Captains		30*
Lieutenants		60*
Paymaster		1
Barrackmaster		1
Quartermasters		3
Total Officers		115
Sergeants Major		3
Bandmaster		1
Superintending Clerk, Commandant's Office		1
Superintending Clerk, Paymaster's Office		1
Schoolmaster		1
Total Warrant Officers		7
Quartermaster Sergeants		3†
Barrack Sergeant		1
Quartermaster Sergeant Instructors of Gunnery		3
Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor of Musketry		1
Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor of Gymnastics		1
Quartermaster Sergeant Instructors of Infantry		2
Colour Sergeants	To include 1 Drum and 1 Bugle Major, 1 Provost Sergeant, 1 Armourer Sergeant, 1 Sergeant Cook, 1 Hospital Sergeant, 1 Master Tailor, 1 Master Shoemaker, and 1 Officers' Messman	44
Sergeants		190
Total Staff Sergeants, Colour Sergeants, and Sergeants		245
Musicians		25
Buglers		88
Total Musicians and Buglers		113
Corporals		166
Bombardiers		118
Gunners		3,311
Total Rank and File		3,595
Total of all Ranks		4,075

* *See* footnote on next page.

† Quartermaster Sergeants Bishop and Prior, R.M.A., specially promoted under Order in Council, 17th September 1900, may be borne as Quartermaster Sergeants on the Establishment in addition to this number so long as they continue to serve as such.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

	Chatham.	Portsmouth.	Plymouth.	Depôt, Deal.	Total.
Colonels Commandant	1	1	1	1	4
Colonels 2nd Commandant	1	1	1	1	4
Lieutenant-Colonels	4	4	4	—	12
Majors (To include Gunnery, Musketry, and Gymnastic Instructors, Superintendent of Swimming Instruction, Staff Officers and Adjutants)	14	14	14	—	42*
Captains	28	27	27	—	82*
Lieutenants	56	56	56	—	168*
Paymasters	1	1	1	1	4
Barrackmasters	1	1	1	1	4
Quartermasters	3	3	3	3	12
Bandmaster and 2nd Lieutenant	1	1	—	—	2
Total Officers	110	109	108	7	334
Sergeants Major	3	3	3	2	11
Bandmasters	—	—	1	1	2
Superintending Clerks, Commandant's Office.	1	1	1	1	4
Superintending Clerks, Paymaster's Office	1	1	1	1	4
Schoolmasters	1	1	1	4	7
Total Warrant Officers	6	6	7	9	28
Schoolmaster	—	—	—	1	1
Quartermaster Sergeants	3	3	3	3	12
Barrack Sergeants	1	1	1	1	4
Quartermaster Sergeant Instructors of Gunnery.	1	1	1	—	3
Quartermaster Sergeant Instructors of Musketry.	1	1	1	1	4
Quartermaster Sergeant Instructors of Gymnastics.	—	—	—	1	1
Quartermaster Sergeant Instructors of Infantry.	1	1	1	4	7
Quartermaster Sergeant Instructors of Swimming.	—	—	—	1	1
Hospital Staff Sergeant	—	—	—	1	1
Colour Sergeants (To include 1 Drum and 1 Bugle Major, 1 Provost Sergeant, 1 Armourer Sergeant, 1 Sergeant Cook, 1 Master Tailor, 1 Master Shoemaker, 1 Officer's Messman at each Division and Depôt, and 1 Hospital Sergeant at Portsmouth and Plymouth)	44	44	44	13	145
Sergeants	244	245	245	10	744
Total Staff Sergeants, Colour Sergeants and Sergeants.	295	296	296	36	923

* Subject to the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 29th November 1881 (par. 2) and of 12th December 1894.

	Chatham.	Portsmouth.	Plymouth.	Depôt, Deal.	Total.
Musicians	25	25	25	25	100
Buglers	143	143	143	7	436
Total Musicians and Buglers	168	168	168	32	536
Corporals	287	287	287	2	863
Privates	4,338	4,338	4,337	—	13,013
Total Rank and File	4,625	4,625	4,624	2	13,876
Total of all Ranks	5,204	5,204	5,203	86	15,697

Making the whole Establishment of the Corps for the various services detailed.	
Staff of the Corps	13
Recruiting Service	13
For Service at Clothing Depôts	2
Of Royal Marine Artillery	4,075
Of Royal Marine Light Infantry	15,697
Total	19,800

N. $\frac{4709.}{1903.}$

No. 23. *28th March* 1903.

N.

ALTERATIONS IN TITLES, RANK, AND PAY OF ENGINEER OFFICERS, R.N.—IMPROVEMENT IN FULL PAY OF OFFICERS, R.M.

WHEREAS we are of opinion that it is desirable to alter the titles and rank and to improve the full pay of the Engineer Officers of Your Majesty's Navy;

And whereas we are further of opinion that it is desirable to improve the full pay of the Officers of Your Majesty's Royal Marines;

We therefore humbly beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals, the same to take effect from the 1st April 1903.

I. TITLES OF ENGINEER OFFICERS.

The Engineer in Chief to have rank of Engineer Rear-Admiral and to be eligible for promotion to Engineer Vice-Admiral at our discretion.

Chief Inspectors of Machinery to be styled Engineer Rear-Admirals.

Inspectors of Machinery to be styled Engineer Captains.

Fleet Engineers to be styled Engineer Commanders.

Staff Engineers, Chief Engineers, and Engineers to be styled Engineer Lieutenants.

Assistant Engineers to be styled Engineer Sub-Lieutenants, and the rank of Probationary Assistant Engineer to be abolished.

Engineer students to be styled Engineer Cadets.

II. Full Pay of Engineer Officers.

The scale of full pay to be as follows:—

Rank.	Pay per diem. s.	d.		s.	d.
Engineer Sub-Lieutenant - -	7	6			
" Lieutenant - - - -	10	0			
" " after 2 years -	11	0			
" " " 4 " -	12	0			
" " " 6 " -	13	0			
" " " 8* " -	16	0			
" " " 10 " -	17	0			
" " " 12 " -	18	0			
" " " 14 " -	20	0			
Engineer Commander - - -	24	0			
" " after 2 years -	27	0			
" " " 4 " -	30	0			
" " " 6 " -	33	0			
Engineer Captain - - -	35	0	to	40	0
Engineer Rear-Admiral - - -	60	0			

III. Relative Rank Engineer Officers, Navy and Army.

Vice-Admirals - { Engineer-in-Chief if Engineer Vice-Admiral. } Lieutenant-Generals.

Engineer-in-Chief if Engineer Rear-Admiral, Rear-Admirals. } Engineer Rear-Admirals - Major-Generals.

* The pay of 16*s.* a day, together with the right to wear the uniform of the increased rank of Engineer Lieutenant of 8 years seniority, to be dependent on his obtaining a qualifying certificate and on being selected.

Captains of 3 years seniority.	Engineer Captains of 8 years seniority in that rank.	Colonels.
Captains under 3 years seniority.	Engineer Captains under 8 years seniority in that rank.	Lieutenant-Colonels.
Commanders -	Engineer Commanders.	Lieutenant-Colonels, but junior of that rank.
Lieutenants of 8 years seniority.	Engineer Lieutenants of 8 years seniority duly qualified and selected.	Majors.
Lieutenants under 8 years seniority.	Engineer Lieutenants under 8 years seniority.	Captains.
Sub-Lieutenants -	Engineer Sub-Lieutenants.	Lieutenants.

IV. Full Pay of Marine Officers.

The scale of full pay to be as follows :—

Rank.	Artillery. Pay per diem.		Infantry. Pay per diem.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Second Lieutenant - -	5	3	5	3
Lieutenant - - -	6	4	5	11
„ after 3 years seniority from date of entry - -	7	5	7	0
Captain - - -	12	1	11	7
„ after 1 year - -	12	7	12	1
„ „ 5 years -	13	1	12	7
„ „ 8 „ - -	14	7	14	1
Major - - - -	16	1	15	7
„ after 2 years - -	17	6	17	6
„ „ 4 „ - -	18	0	18	0
„ „ 6 „ - - -	18	6	18	6
Lieutenant-Colonel - -	21	0	21	0
„ „ after 2 years	21	9	21	9
„ „ „ 4 „	22	6	22	6

Colonels 2nd Commandant to receive pay as Lieutenant-Colonel, and an additional allowance of 5*s*. per diem.

Colonels Commandant to receive pay at present rates, with an allowance of 12*s*. a day.

V. That we have power to vary individual rates of pay for Engineer and Marine Officers within the scales laid down or impose any conditions in regard to them at our discretion as the circumstances of any case may render desirable.

VI. That we have power to advance Engineer Sub-Lieutenants to the rank of Engineer Lieutenant after such period of service in the lower rank as we may determine.

VII. Existing Regulations for Officers of rank of Engineer to be applicable in all respects to Engineer Lieutenants not qualified and selected for the pay of an Engineer Lieutenant of 8 years seniority, except as otherwise provided therein.

VIII. In other respects existing Regulations for Engineer Officers to be applicable to Officers under their new titles except as otherwise provided herein.

The Secretary of State for War concurs in the proposed Regulations as regards relative rank; and the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{4710}{1903.}$

No. 24. *28th March* 1903.
N.

PROMOTION TO RANK OF LIEUTENANT, OR CORRESPONDING RELATIVE RANK, OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS.

Rates of Full, Half, and Retired Pay and Pensions to Widows, &c.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the question of promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, or the corresponding relative rank, of Chief Gunners and Gunners, Chief Boatswains and Boatswains, Chief Signal Boatswains and Signal Boatswains, Chief Artificer Engineers (concerning whom a separate Memorial has been this day submitted to Your

Majesty) and Artificer Engineers, Chief Carpenters and Carpenters:

And whereas such promotion is, by Article 261 of the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service, limited to Officers distinguished for acts of gallantry or daring and is, moreover, subject to the conditions that it is to be restricted to Officers who are under 45 years of age:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable in the interests of Your Majesty's Naval Service to extend the promotion to the Officers above-mentioned, as the reward for long and zealous service:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of the following proposals, to take effect from the 1st April 1903:—

Chief Gunners and Gunners, Chief Boatswains and Boatswains, Chief Signal Boatswains and Signal Boatswains to have the title of Lieutenant on promotion, and to rank with Lieutenants of the Royal Navy according to date of seniority;

Chief Artificer Engineers and Artificer Engineers to have the title of Engineer Lieutenant on promotion;

Chief Carpenters and Carpenters to have the title of Carpenter Lieutenant on promotion;

Engineer Lieutenants and Carpenter Lieutenants to rank with Lieutenants of the Royal Navy according to date of their seniority;

Rates of Full Pay, Half Pay and Retired Pay to be as shown in the subjoined Tables A., B., and C.;

Pensions for Hurts and Wounds, Widows' Pensions, Compassionate Allowances to Children, to be at the same rate and under the same conditions as those granted in the case of Lieutenants of the Royal Navy;

An allowance of Fifty Pounds towards the cost of outfit to be payable to every Officer on promotion;

Officers to be included among those exempt from Messing contribution;

The list of Officers to be so promoted to be fixed at 100, of which number not more than 60 are to be borne during the year ending the 31st day of March 1904;

The total number of Gunners, Boatswains, Signal Boatswains, Artificer Engineers, and Carpenters at present allowed to be reduced respectively by the numbers promoted under these Regulations.

A.

Full Pay.

		s.	d.	
Lieutenant and Carpenter / Lieutenant - -	on promotion -	13	0	a day.
" "	after 2 years -	13	6	"
" "	" 4 " -	14	0	"
" "	" 6 " -	14	6	"
" "	" 8 " -	15	0	"
Engineer Lieutenant	on promotion - -	14	6	"
" "	after 2 years - -	15	0	"
" "	" 4 " - -	15	6	"
" "	" 6 " - -	16	0	"
" "	" 8 " - -	16	6	"

Command Money at the rate of two shillings and sixpence to three shillings and ninepence a day to be payable to Lieutenants when placed in command of any vessel.

All other allowances payable before promotion to be continued after promotion, under the same conditions.

B.

Half Pay.

Officers when unemployed, except for the reasons stated below, to be borne for Full Pay on the books of their Depôt.

The Admiralty to have power, in cases of misconduct or prolonged sickness, to place Officers on temporary Half Pay, such pay not to exceed the half of the Full Pay to which they are entitled.

Time on Half Pay to count for all purposes in the same way as the Half Pay time of other Lieutenants of the Royal Navy.

C.

Retirement.

Officers to be retired at the age of 55. Voluntary retirement may, however, be allowed from the age of 50 at the discretion of the Admiralty.

Officers to be retired at any time if found physically unfit for further service, or in case of such misconduct or neglect of duty as, in the opinion of the Admiralty, renders the Officer unfit for further service.

No. 24 *Admiralty Orders in Council.*

Officers retired for misconduct or neglect of duty to be subject to the power vested in the Admiralty to award, in such cases, lower rates of retired pay than those earned by Service.

Retired Pay.

		Per annum. £	s.
Lieutenant, Engineer Lieutenant, and Carpenter Lieutenant -	For each year's service as such - - -	10	0
" "	Addition for each year's service as Chief or other Gunner, Boatswain, Signal Boatswain, Artificer Engineer or Carpenter -	6	0
Lieutenant and Carpenter Lieutenant - -	Addition for each year's service as Seaman, Artisan or Petty Officer, but the additional time allowed for service as Seaman Gunner not to count -	1	10
Engineer Lieutenant - -	Addition for each year's service as Chief Petty Officer - - -	2	10
Engineer Lieutenant - -	Addition for each year's continuous service prior to being rated Chief Petty Officer - - -	1	10
Maximum to be - - - -		200	0
Minimum (if retired at the age of 55) -		160	0

The foregoing provisions not to apply to officers promoted for acts of gallantry or daring under the Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the seventeenth day of December 1888.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{4708.}{1903.}$

No. 25. *20th May* 1903.
N.

GRATUITY TO SEAMEN AND MARINES HOLDING THE CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY MEDAL OR DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

WHEREAS under Your Majesty's Royal Warrant of the 1st day of February 1902, amending the Regulations relating to the Pay and Non-Effective Pay of Your Majesty's Army, Your Majesty was pleased to approve of a soldier who had been awarded a Medal for Distinguished Conduct—if he had not been granted extra pension or an annuity under Articles 1163 and 1243 respectively of the Pay Warrant—receiving a gratuity of £20 on discharge or transfer to the Reserves, or on promotion to a Commission.

And whereas we are of opinion that the award to men of Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Forces of the Distinguished Conduct Medal or of the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (which is the corresponding Naval decoration) should also render the recipient eligible for the grant of a gratuity under similar conditions.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals, to take effect as from the 3rd day of February 1900:—

I. That a seaman or marine holding the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal unaccompanied by an annuity shall, at our discretion, be awarded a gratuity of £20 on discharge at the completion of his term of active service or on being invalided from the service, or on promotion to a Commission.

II. That a seaman or marine who has been or may be awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for service under the War Office shall, at our discretion, be awarded a gratuity of the same amount when similarly discharged from the service or promoted to Commissioned rank, except when such seaman or marine may be in possession of the Naval Conspicuous Gallantry Medal accompanied by an annuity.

III. That the Regulations as to the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal which prohibit the payment of the gratuity to a soldier in receipt of extra pension under Article 1166 of the Pay Warrant shall not be applicable in the case of a seaman or a marine who, on account of gallantry, has been or may be granted an extra pension under Naval Regulations.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{7114.}{1903.}$

No. 26. *20th May* 1903.
N.

NEW SCHEME OF ENTRY, TRAINING, AND PAY FOR BANDSMEN.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the regulations which govern the organisation and maintenance of Bands on board Your Majesty's Ships.

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to improve the efficiency of Naval Bands and to reduce the expense which at present falls upon the officers of Your Majesty's Naval Service.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following scheme for the entry, training, and pay of Bandsmen in Your Majesty's Fleet :—

I.—ENTRY.

In future, Band ratings to be entered as Royal Marines and form part of Your Majesty's Royal Marine Force, the total number of that force being correspondingly increased.

So far as possible Naval Band ratings now serving to be gradually transferred to the Royal Marines or otherwise disposed of under such arrangements as the Admiralty may direct.

II.—Pay.

The rates of pay for new Band ratings to be on the following scale:—

	s.	d.	
Band Boy - - -	0	8	a day.
Musician - - -	1	5	,,
Band Corporal - - -	2	1	,,
Bandmaster—			
2nd Class - - -	2	10½	,,
1st Class (under 3 years) -	3	6	,,
1st Class (over 3 years) -	4	0	,,
Chief Bandmaster - - (Warrant Officer).	5	6½	,,

Bandsmen transferred from the old scheme to the new scheme to be entitled to receive the pay of the old scheme until they are advanced, when their pay is to be regulated by the new rates.

Band ratings now serving, transferred to the Royal Marines under the new scheme, and Band Boys entered under this scheme, to be exempt from stoppages from their pay for rations.

III.—Allowances.

Bandsmen to be eligible for the following allowances:—

(I.) *Instrument Allowance.*

(*a*) To Band Corporals and Musicians on a certificate that their instruments have been carefully kept - - 2*d.* a day.

(*b*) To Chief Bandmasters and Bandmasters on a certificate that proper care and supervision have been exercised over the instruments of the Band under their direction - 6*d.* a day.

(II.) *Coaling Gratuity.*

To all ranks below that of Bandmaster, while serving on a sea-going ship in accordance with Article 1464 of the Regulations.

IV.—TRAINING.

A School of Music, at which all Bandsmen are to undergo a course of training, to be established, with the following staff:—

Commandant.

A Major, Royal Marines, with extra pay of five shillings a day in addition to the pay and allowances of his rank.

Musical Director.

To receive a salary of £250 per annum and rank as a Warrant Officer.

Adjutant.

A Quartermaster, Royal Marines, with extra pay of one shilling and sixpence a day in addition to the pay and allowances of his rank.

Two Bandmaster-Instructors.

To be selected from among First Class Bandmasters and to receive one shilling a day Instruction Allowance, in addition to Instrument Allowance under Section III.

Schoolmaster.

To be a Sergeant, Royal Marines, and to receive the pay and allowances of his rank.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{7327.}{1903.}$

No. 26*.
N.

20th May 1903.

WAGES AND VICTUALS FOR THE FLEET, 1903–4.

Estimate approved.

THIS day the following Estimate from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty was presented and read to His Majesty at this Board:—

122,863	An Estimate of the charges of Wages and Victuals for One hundred and twenty-two thousand eight hundred and sixty-three Officers, Men and Boys (including Nineteen thousand eight hundred Royal Marines, and Six thousand two hundred Boys for Training)
4,237	to serve in His Majesty's Fleet; and for Four thousand two hundred and thirty-seven Officers and Men to be borne on the Books of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels, to be employed in His Majesty's Coast Guard Service on Shore for Twelve Calendar Months, commencing on 1st April 1903.

		£
127,100	For the Wages of One hundred and twenty-seven thousand one hundred Officers, Men and Boys - - -	6,628,500
	For the Victuals of Do. -	2,107,600
		£8,736,100

The whole charge amounts to eight millions seven hundred and thirty-six thousand one hundred pounds.

His Majesty, having taken the same into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the said Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do cause the same to be complied with accordingly.

No. 27. *20th May* 1903.
N.

REVISED RATES OF PAY TO DIVISIONAL CHIEF OFFICERS AND CHIEF OFFICERS OF COAST GUARD.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the rates of pay allowed to Divisional Chief Officers of Coast Guard and Chief Officers of Coast Guard Stations.

And whereas we are of opinion that the existing rates of pay for these Officers should be revised.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the rates of pay for Divisional Chief Officers of Coast Guard, and Chief Officers of Coast Guard Stations being fixed as follows—to take effect as from the 1st April 1903:—

Divisional Chief Officers - -	10*s.* a day.
Chief Officers of Coast Guard Stations—	
On appointment - - -	6*s.* ,,
After 5 years - - -	7*s.* ,,
After 10 years - - -	8*s.* ,,

We further beg leave humbly to recommend that Senior Mates and Chief Officers of Cruisers who may in future become Chief Officers of Coast Guard Stations should not, as at present, be allowed to carry their Cruiser rates of pay with them, but should receive the rates of pay laid down herein.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{7182.}{1903.}$

No. 28. *20th May* 1903.
N.

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN STRATEGY AND TACTICS FOR FLAG OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the twelfth day of November 1900, sanction was given to the establishment at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, of a Full Pay Course of Instruction in Strategy and Tactics for Captains and Commanders of Your Majesty's Fleet:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to grant facilities to Flag Officers for undergoing a similar course of instruction:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the establishment at the Royal Naval College of a Course of Instruction in Strategy and Tactics specially adapted to the requirements of Flag Officers under the following regulations:—

I. Flag Officers attending the Course to receive—

(*a*) The difference between their full and half pay.

(*b*) The Mess allowance of 1*s.* 6*d.* a day established by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 11th August 1884.

(*c*) In the event of accommodation not being available for a Flag Officer who requires it, lodging allowance to be paid at the rate laid down for Captains in Article 1532 of the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service, viz., 4*s.* 6*d.* a day.

II. The period of attendance at the Course to reckon as half-pay time.

III. A Captain and two Commanders to be employed, if necessary, to assist the Officer conducting the Course.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{7181.}{1903.}$

No. $\frac{28\text{A.}}{\text{G.}}$ 20*th May* 1903.

AWARD OF A BONUS TO WINNERS OF GOOD SHOOTING MEDAL.

WHEREAS in order to afford further encouragement to good shooting in Your Majesty's Fleet, Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of the institution of a Medal in connection with the Annual Prize Firing with Heavy Guns

and Light Q.F. Guns to be granted to the best shot with each nature of gun in each ship in commission, provided he obtain the standard laid down by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty:

And whereas we are of opinion that this Medal should be accompanied by a bonus:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction, as from the 1st January 1903, the allowances shown in the following Schedule:—

Description of Allowance.		Amount.
Annual Prize Firing:—		
Petty Officers and Seamen of the Fleet, and Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of Royal Marines.	For the best shot for each nature of gun in each ship in commission, providing the approved standard is reached.	£
(*a*) For Turret or Barbette gun		3
(*b*) For secondary armament		2
(*c*) For light Q.F. Guns		1

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

G. $\frac{7317.}{1903.}$

No. 29. *20th May* 1903.

A.G.

ALLOWANCES TO NAVAL SCHOOLMASTERS CONDUCTING NIGHT SCHOOLS IN GUNNERY AND TORPEDO SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS by the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service, Appendix VI., Part 2, No. 48, the allowance of One shilling a day payable to the Naval Schoolmaster selected to conduct Night Schools is at present restricted to the Gunnery and Torpedo School ships at Portsmouth and Devonport.

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to extend this allowance to the Gunnery School at Sheerness from 7th April 1902 and, at our discretion, to any other Gunnery or Torpedo Schools that may hereafter be established.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction this arrangement.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{1820.}{1903.}$

No. 29*. *25th June* 1903.

N.L.

RULES OF COURT FOR THE EXCHEQUER COURT OF CANADA IN ITS ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION.

Rule Thirty-seven amended.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the fifteenth day of March 1893 the Rules of Court thereto annexed were established as the Rules of Court for the Exchequer Court of Canada in its Admiralty jurisdiction; and whereas it appears to us expedient that Rule thirty-seven of the aforesaid Rules of Court, whereby it is amongst other things required that, in an action for necessaries supplied to a ship elsewhere than in the Port to which she belongs, the affidavit leading to the warrant shall state that to the best of the deponents' belief no owner or part owner of the ship was domiciled within Canada at the time the necessaries were supplied, shall be amended so as to conform to the provisions of "the Admiralty Act of 1861" (as extended to the Exchequer Court of Canada by "the Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890") whereby jurisdiction is given to entertain such actions for necessaries upon it being shown to the satisfaction of the Court that at the time of the institution of the cause no owner or part owner of the ship is domiciled in Canada.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to direct that the present clause (*b*) of Rule thirty-seven of the Rules of Court for the Exchequer Court of Canada shall be rescinded and that the following clause which has been duly prepared by the proper authority as required by the said Colonial

Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890, and by the Admiralty Act, 1891 (Canada), shall be substituted therefor:—

> "(*b*) In an action for necessaries the national character of the ship and that to the best of the deponents' belief no owner or part owner of the ship is domiciled in Canada at the time of the institution of the action."

Your Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies has signified his concurrence herein.

No. 30. *25th June* 1903.

N.

RE-ENTRY OF MEN IN R.N. AND R.M., AND ENTRY IN R.F.R.—PREVIOUS SERVICE OF MEN ENTERED AFTER DISCHARGE FROM ARMY.

Regulations amended.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the conditions under which men who leave Your Majesty's Navy or Royal Marines may subsequently rejoin the Service or enter the Royal Fleet Reserve.

And whereas we have also had under consideration the rules, under which previous service may be counted towards pension, at present prevailing in the case of men discharged from Your Majesty's Army who subsequently join Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Forces.

And whereas we are of opinion that some modification is necessary in the present regulations governing such cases.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of certain portions of Articles 585, 585*a*, 716, 1218, 1227, 1247, and 2147 of the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service being amended as shown in the subjoined Schedule, the amendments to take effect from the third day of December 1902, and applying as regards pension to men pensioned on or after that date.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

SCHEDULE.

ARTICLE 585.

Clause 2 as amended.

Men who re-enter within two years, and Boys who re-enter within six months of their discharge by purchase and are finally accepted for Continuous Service, will be entitled to repayment of one half of the purchase money, exclusive of the amount of any Clothing and Bedding Gratuities refunded by them.

ARTICLE 585*a*.

Petty Officers or Seamen who join the Royal Fleet Reserve within two years of purchasing their discharge are to have one third of the purchase money returned to them.

ARTICLE 716.

As amended.

Men, whether Army Pensioners or not, who join the Navy within five years of their discharge from the Army will be allowed to reckon towards the acquisition of Naval Badges any "Very Good" time not exceeding four years which may have been served in the Army, provided that such service was continuous and immediately preceded their discharge.

2. Men invalided from the Army allowed to enter the Navy may, however, reckon their Army Service without limitation as to its length or as to the break between the two Services.

ARTICLE 1218.

Clause 3 as amended.

3. Men, whether Army Pensioners or not, who join the Royal Marines within five years of their discharge from the Army, will be allowed to reckon towards the acquisition of Good Conduct Badges in the Royal Marines any "Very Good" time not exceeding four years which may have been served in the Army, provided that such service was continuous and immediately preceded their discharge.

ARTICLE 1227.

Clauses 1 *and* 2 *as amended, and new Clause* 2*a.*

1. Marines who re-enlist either in the Marines or in the Army within two years of purchasing their discharge, and who are reported by their Commandants or Commanding Officers as likely to continue efficient after such re-enlistment are to have one half of the purchase money returned to them.

2. The same advantage will be given to Seamen or Marines who under the same circumstances, and within the same limit of time, shall re-enter the Marines or the Navy respectively for continuous service.

2*a*. Marines who join the Royal Fleet Reserve within two years of purchasing their discharge are to have one third of the purchase money returned to them.

ARTICLE 1247.

Clauses 1, 2, 3, *and* 4 *as amended.*

1. Men who join the Marines after being invalided from the Army or the Marines may, at the discretion of the Admiralty, be allowed to reckon all former service with character not inferior to "Fair" towards Pension, notwithstanding the length of the interval between invaliding and re-entry into the Service, provided that they acknowledge their former service on re-entry.

2. Men who rejoin the Marines after being discharged from the Corps for reasons other than that of medical disability may be allowed to reckon all former service with character not inferior to "Fair" towards Pension, provided that the re-engagement has taken place within five years from date of discharge, and that they acknowledge their former service on re-entry.

3. Men who join the Marines after being discharged from the Army for reasons other than that of medical disability may be allowed to count not more than four years former service with character not inferior to "Fair" towards Pension, provided that a break of five years did not take place between the two services, and that they acknowledged their former service on entering the Marines.

4. Time served in the Royal Navy may be allowed to reckon for Pension with subsequent service in the Royal Marines, provided that a break of five years has not taken place between the two services, and that the former service is acknowledged on entry into the Marines.

ARTICLE 2147.

Clauses 3 and 3a as amended.

3. Men invalided from the Army who subsequently join the Navy may, at the discretion of the Admiralty, be allowed to count all former service with character not inferior to "Fair" towards Pension notwithstanding the length of the interval between the two services, provided that they acknowledge their former service on entering the Navy.

3*a*. Men who enter the Navy after being discharged from the Army for reasons other than that of medical disability may be allowed to count not more than four years former service with character not inferior to "Fair" towards Pension, provided that a break of five years did not take place between the two services, and that they acknowledged their former service on entering the Navy.

No. 30*. *25th June* 1903.

N.L.

KING'S REGULATIONS.

Issue of Addenda.

WHEREAS it is necessary to effect certain alterations in the Regulations for the conduct of Your Majesty's Naval Service established under Orders in Council of Her late Majesty, and under Your Majesty's Orders in Council of the 9th day of February 1901, the 13th day of May 1901, and the 11th day of August 1902.

We beg leave most humbly to present herewith for Your Majesty's gracious consideration and sanction, a copy of Addenda to the said Regulations dated the 31st day of March 1903, which Addenda contain the alterations in question.

The assent of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury has been received from time to time to such alterations as required their concurrence, and the assent of Your Majesty in Council has already been given to such of the said alterations as required such special sanction.

No. 31. *25th June* 1903.
A.G.

SPECIAL RATE OF PAY TO PENSIONER SIGNALMEN AT CERTAIN SIGNAL STATIONS, &c.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 20th October 1898, an inclusive rate of 4*s.* a day for pay and victualling was authorised for 5 Pensioner Signalmen employed at the Signal Station at Garrison Point, Sheerness:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to extend this rate to three Pensioner Signalmen who have been added to the Staff of Garrison Point, Sheerness, and to four Pensioner Signalmen employed at Horse Sand Fort, Portsmouth:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment being made accordingly as from the 14th May 1902 in the case of the additional men at Garrison Point, Sheerness, and as from the 29th October 1902 in the case of men at Horse Sand Fort, Portsmouth, such payment to be in each instance in addition to pension, and to be subject to the provision that the service shall not count for increase of pension:

We would further recommend that we be empowered to extend this rate, 4*s.* a day (subject to the same conditions as to pension) to any further increase in the Signal Staff at any Station for which that rate is already authorised, and also to Pensioner Signalmen employed at any other Signal Station to which it may, in our opinion, be applicable.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N.P. $\frac{2443.}{1903.}$

No. 31*. *25th June* 1903.
N.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.— PROMOTION TO RANK OF VICE-ADMIRAL IN H.M. FLEET AND SUBSEQUENT PROMOTIONS.

WHEREAS we are of opinion that it is expedient to advance His Royal Highness George Frederick Ernest Albert, Prince of Wales, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., I.S.O.,

Personal Aide-de-Camp to Your Majesty, to the rank of Vice-Admiral in Your Majesty's Fleet.

We most humbly submit that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to approve of such promotion taking place from the 26th June 1903, and of His Royal Highness being supernumerary to the established list of Vice-Admirals.

We would further submit that we may be authorised to promote His Royal Highness, later at our discretion, to the higher ranks of the Flag List, and that his Royal Highness should continue to be supernumerary to the established number of Flag Officers.

No. 32*. *25th June* 1903.
C.

PENSION FOR WOUNDS TO CAPTAIN SPENCER V. Y. DE HORSEY, R.N.

YOUR MAJESTY having been graciously pleased by Your Order in Council of the 20th May 1903 to refer for consideration and report a humble Memorial addressed to Your Majesty by Spencer Victor York de Horsey, Captain in Your Majesty's Navy, praying for a pension on account of a shell wound to the left ankle received in action with the Boers on the 4th day of June 1900 whilst serving with the Naval Brigade in South Africa.

We having taken the same into our careful consideration beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to grant the said Captain Spencer Victor Yorke de Horsey, a pension of One hundred pounds a year for life, to date from the 4th June 1901, inclusive.

No. 32. *9th July* 1903.
A.G.

ALLOWANCE OF BAGGAGE TO OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF PAYMASTERS' ACCOUNTS.

Increase of, when travelling on Duty.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the allowance of baggage granted, under the scale laid down in Appendix XXIX. to the Regulations for the Government of Your

Majesty's Naval Service, to Officers of the Royal Navy in charge of Paymasters' Accounts when travelling on duty:

And whereas we are of opinion that, as these Officers are required to retain duplicates of their accounts until they have been audited and passed in office, the present scale is inadequate:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction an addition of one cwt. to the scale allowance of baggage of such Officers.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

I.C. $\frac{3151.}{1903.}$

No. 33. *9th July* 1903.
N.

WARRANT ENGINEER, R.N.R.—RANK ESTABLISHED.

Pay and Allowances.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the 26th and 27th years of Her late Majesty's reign, Chapter 69, entitled the Officers of Royal Naval Reserve Act, 1863, as amended by an Act passed in the 35th and 36th years of Her reign, Chapter 73, entitled the Merchant Shipping Act, 1872, it is enacted that the Admiralty shall have power to appoint duly qualified persons to form a Reserve of Officers for Your Majesty's Fleet:

And whereas we deem it expedient, under the authority conferred on us by the aforesaid Acts, to establish a rank of Royal Naval Reserve Officer to be entitled Warrant Engineer:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be pleased by your Order in Council to sanction the establishment of this rank accordingly, the officers thereof to be generally subject to the Regulations of the Royal Naval

Reserve, and to be entitled to the undermentioned rates of pay and allowances, viz. :—

	£	
Annual retainer (to cease at age of 50) -	15	
Life Pension (to commence at age of 60, or to be payable at the discretion of the Admiralty, either permanently or temporarily, to a Warrant Engineer who, before reaching the age of 60, may be pronounced upon medical examination to be wholly and permanently incapacitated from earning his livelihood, provided that such incapacity is not due to his own imprudence or misconduct) - - - -	15	
Outfit allowance :—		
(*a*) when called up for training - (Not payable more than once in five years.)	10	
(*b*) when called out for service in the Fleet in emergency - -	25	
Pay when called out for service in the Fleet and when under training in addition to retainer and to such allowances for particular duties as are payable to officers of corresponding rank in Your Majesty's Navy -		8*s.* 6*d.* a day or £155 2*s.* 6*d.* a year.
Allowances in lieu of lodging and subsistence if required to live on shore when called out for service, or when under training - -		Not exceeding 6*s.* a day.

If wounded or injured while serving in the Fleet to be entitled to the same pensions and allowances as Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy would receive for a similar wound or injury, and if killed or drowned on service their widows and children to be entitled to the same pensions and compassionate allowances as the widows and children of Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{9959.}{1903.}$

No. 34. 10*th August* 1903.
N.

CLOTHING AND BEDDING GRATUITY TO SEAMEN ENTERED FOR CONTINUOUS OR NON-CONTINUOUS SERVICE.

WHEREAS by the fourth section of an Act passed in the third year of Your Majesty's reign, Chapter 6, entitled "The Naval Forces Act, 1903," it is enacted that the Admiralty shall have power to enter men for Non-Continuous Service in Your Majesty's Fleet for a limited period, followed by service in the Royal Fleet Reserve to complete 12 years from the date of entry.

And whereas we deem it expedient that Non-Continuous Service Seamen entered under the above conditions should be granted an allowance sufficient to cover the cost of their outfits and their bedding.

And whereas we are also of opinion that a similar allowance should be granted to men who enter direct for Continuous Service as Ordinary, Able or Leading Seamen in lieu of the allowance of Three pounds ten shillings which men so entered receive under existing regulations, towards the cost of clothing and bedding.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the grant of a Gratuity of Ten Pounds to all Seamen entered direct for Continuous Service, and to those entered for Non-Continuous Service followed by service in the Royal Fleet Reserve, the conditions of payment to be at our discretion.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. 11269./1903.

No. 35. 10*th August* 1903.
N.

ACCOUNTANT OFFICERS—NUMBERS INCREASED.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the twelfth day of November 1900, the number of Accountant Officers (including Secretaries) of Your Majesty's Fleet was fixed at—

Fleet and Staff Paymasters and Paymasters -	250
Assistant Paymasters and Clerks - -	300
Total - - -	550

And whereas we are of opinion that it is necessary to increase this number by the addition of twenty-seven Officers during the present financial year:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to raise the number of Accountant Officers (including Secretaries) to the total of 577, as follows:—

Fleet and Staff Paymasters and Paymasters -	258
Assistant Paymasters and Clerks - -	319
Total - - -	577

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{11270.}{1903.}$

No. 36. *11th August* 1903.
N.

ALLOWANCE TO OFFICERS, R.M., EMPLOYED AS INSTRUCTORS AT TORPEDO SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS we have found it necessary to appoint an officer of Your Majesty's Royal Marines to the Staff of the Torpedo School at Portsmouth for the purpose of instructing officers and men in Wireless Telegraphy:

And whereas we are of opinion that an allowance should be granted to this officer and to any officer of the Royal Marines employed in this manner, as an inducement to such officers to qualify in the higher branches of Wireless Telegraphy, and as a remuneration for their services as Instructors:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction an allowance of two shillings and sixpence a day, in addition to full pay, being paid to officers of Your Majesty's Royal Marines who may be employed as Instructors on the Staff of the Torpedo Schools, the same to take effect from the 1st July 1903.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{11271.}{1903.}$

No. 37. 10*th August* 1903.

M.

DOCKYARD PORT OF QUEENSTOWN—REGULATIONS AMENDED.

WHEREAS by the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, it is enacted that it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council from time to time by Order in Council, to define the limits of a Dockyard Port for the purposes of that Act, and to make regulations for all or any of the purposes in the said Act particularly mentioned, and for such other purposes as from time to time seem necessary, with a view to the proper protection of His Majesty's vessels, dockyards, or property, or to the requirements of His Majesty's Naval Service:

And whereas, in pursuance of the said Act, certain Regulations and other rules were made by Order in Council of Her late Majesty, bearing date the twenty-ninth day of February 1868, with reference to the Dockyard Port of Queenstown:

And whereas it appears expedient that such Regulations and rules should be amended:

And whereas the provisions of section 1 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act or otherwise in Him vested, is pleased, on the recommendation of the Admiralty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1. This Order shall take effect from the date hereof.
2. On this Order taking effect all previous Orders relative to the matters comprised in this Order shall cease to operate, and in lieu thereof the Rules and Regulations set forth in this Order shall become operative.
3. The terms used in this Order shall have the same meaning as in the said Dockyard Ports Regulation Act.
4. On the chart accompanying this Order are marked all the limits referred to herein.
5. No merchant or other private vessel shall, without the permission of the Senior Naval Officer, or King's Harbour Master, be moored, anchored, or placed within the space (to be called the Man-of-War Outer Anchorage) bounded as follows, namely:—

   On the north by an imaginary straight line drawn from the Scots Church through the Pile Lighthouse on the Spit Bank.

On the south by an imaginary straight line formed by the south-west extreme of Haulbowline Island and the north extreme of Spike Island touching each other.

On the east and west by the contour line of three fathoms depth at low water spring tides.

Nor, with the exception of vessels placed alongside the quays, within the space (to be called the Man-of-War Inner Anchorage) bounded as follows, namely:—

On the east by a straight line drawn from the eastern extremity of the Admiralty pier to the eastern extremity of Spike Island.

On the west by a line drawn N. 6° W. (true) from the inner end of the Black Prince's Pier.

On the north by the contour line of three fathoms depth at low water spring tides to the east extreme of the Naval Pier, thence by the low water line to the western landing steps on Middleton Quay, thence by the contour line of three fathoms depth at low water spring tides to a point where Black Point bears N. 62° E. (true) and thence in a direct line towards the north extreme of Ballybricken Point.

On the south by the low water line of Haulbowline Spit Bank, by the high water line of Haulbowline Island and west of that island by a straight line from the north-west extreme to the inner end of the Black Prince's pier, which anchorages respectively are delineated and further described on the chart annexed to this Order; and these anchorages together shall be deemed to constitute, for the purposes of the said Act and of this Order, the Dockyard Port of Queenstown (in this Order called the Port).

6. Moorings for His Majesty's ships, mark buoys, and other aids to navigation, and such other buoys as may be required for any purpose in connection with naval or military operations, shall be placed by the King's Harbour Master as from time to time the requirements of His Majesty's Service may demand.

7. No merchant or other private vessel shall, without license in writing from the Senior Naval Officer, or King's Harbour Master, be moored or fastened to any of His Majesty's moorings, buoys, piles, or vessels in the Port, unless forced thereto by unavoidable accident.

8. The fairway through the Man-of-War Outer Anchorage shall, when no men-of-war are anchored in it, be considered to include the water for a space of 200 feet on each side of the line of the leading lights under Fort Camden as shown in the chart, and shall be kept clear.

9. A fairway will be kept through the Inner Man-of-War Anchorage, in such a direction with regard to His Majesty's moorings and ships as circumstances may from time to time require.

10. If at any time any merchant or other private vessel hooks any of His Majesty's moorings, the master of such vessel shall not proceed to unhook the same, but shall forthwith give notice to the King's Harbour Master, or to the Chief Officer of the nearest of His Majesty's Dockyards, in order that aid may be given for clearing the moorings without damage.

11. The master of every merchant or other private vessel to which this Order relates shall observe, and cause to be observed, the provisions of this Order as far as it relates to his vessel, and if any master or other person acts in any respect in contravention of any of the provisions of this Order, or fails to observe or cause to be observed in any respect any of those provisions, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

No. 38. *10th August* 1903.

C.

PENSIONS, &c. TO WIDOWS, &c. OF RETIRED AND EMERGENCY OFFICERS RE-EMPLOYED.

WHEREAS by Orders in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the twenty-fifth day of June 1851, and the fourth day of July 1895, and Your Majesty's Orders in Council of the thirteenth day of May 1901, and the twenty-fourth day of April 1902, provision has been made, in the event of War or Emergency, or at other times, for the compulsory or voluntary re-employment of Retired Officers of Your Majesty's Navy, and others, formerly in Your Majesty's Navy, who have been allowed to resign their Commissions.

And whereas there is no power under existing Regulations to compensate the family of an Officer so re-employed who, having married whilst on the Retired List or after resignation

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of his Commission (unless in the case of a Retired Officer, retirement took place before the tenth day of November 1886, and subject to the provisions of the Commutation Acts of 1871 and 1882), loses his life from causes attributable to the Service.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that, in the case of the death of any such Officer from causes attributable to the Service, a Pension and Compassionate Allowances shall be granted to the widow and children on the special scale applicable to the rank held by the Officer at the time of his death, irrespectively of whether his marriage took place when on the Active or Retired List, or after resignation of his Commission, always subject, in the case of a Retired Officer, to the operation of the Commutation Acts of 1871 and 1882 under which a proportionate reduction must be made in the amounts of the pension or compassionate allowances awarded to a widow married, or children born, after the Officer has wholly or partially commuted his Retired Pay.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 39. *11th August* 1903.
A.G.

MEDICAL OFFICERS—ALTERATIONS TO PAY, &c.

Creation of a Reserve of Medical Officers.

WHEREAS we are of opinion that it is desirable that the Regulations governing the pay, allowances, &c. of the Medical Officers of Your Majesty's Navy should be modified and extended in certain directions so as to secure greater efficiency in the Medical Service.

And whereas we are further of opinion that it is desirable to create a Reserve of Medical Officers who would be liable to serve in time of war or emergency.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals, viz. :—

1. Candidates for Commissions who, at the time of passing the qualifying examination for admission into the Royal Navy, hold or are about to hold posts as Resident Medical or Surgical Officer in a recognised Civil Hospital to be allowed to serve in these Civil

appointments, provided that the period of such service after the date of entry into the Royal Navy does not exceed one year. Pay from Naval Funds to be withheld from Officers while thus serving, but the time concerned to reckon for increase of full and half pay while on the active list and retired pay or gratuity on retirement or withdrawal from the Service (except as indicated in the following clause).

2. Surgeons after serving for four years (excluding time spent as Resident Officer in a Civil Hospital) to be allowed, at the discretion of the Admiralty, to withdraw from the Royal Navy with a gratuity of Five hundred pounds, but Officers so withdrawing to be required to join the Reserve of Medical Officers under the conditions set forth in clause 4 hereof.

3. The system of "charge pay" already approved for the Royal Naval Hospitals at Haslar, Plymouth, and Chatham to be extended, from the first of October 1903, to other Naval Hospitals (including the Establishment on Ascension Island) on the following scale :—

	s.	*d.*	
Deputy Inspectors General -	7	6	a day.
Fleet Surgeons - -	5	0	„
Staff Surgeons - - -	2	6	„

4. Officers belonging to the Reserve of Naval Medical Officers to be liable to serve in the Royal Navy in time of war or emergency. Each Officer joining the Reserve to be permitted to select terms of membership as follows :—

(*a*) He may simply enter the Reserve with power to give six months' notice of his intention to resign his position, the total period of membership however not to exceed eight years.

(*b*) He may bind himself to remain in the Reserve for four years, receiving a retaining fee of £25 per annum ; and at the expiration of this period he may again bind himself to remain a member for another four years, receiving a similar retaining fee.

(*c*) He may enter the Reserve for the first four years as in paragraph (*b*) and then by renouncing his retaining fee volunteer to continue membership for another four years as in paragraph (*a*).

Officers of the Reserve called upon to serve in war or emergency after the expiration of any period of non-employment to receive immediately the rate of pay to which

they would have been entitled after four years' service, viz., 17*s.* a day. If during such re-employment they are injured on duty or lose their lives from causes attributable to the Service, their cases to be dealt with as regards compensation for themselves or pensions and compassionate allowances for their widows and children under the same regulations as those for Officers of the same rank on the permanent Active List.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N.P. $\frac{3057.}{1903.}$

No. 40. *11th August* 1903.

v.

REVISED SCALE OF DIETARY FOR THE NAVAL SERVICE.

Mess Allowance for Boys.

WHEREAS the Crews of Your Majesty's Ships are at present victualled according to the Scale of Dietary laid down in Appendix XXI. of the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service;

And whereas we are of opinion that the general rise in the standard of living which has taken place throughout the country, extending to the classes from which Your Majesty's Navy is recruited, renders it desirable to revise this Scale of Dietary, and to induce a greater variety of food;

We beg leave humbly to submit a revised Scale of Victualling, and to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction its introduction into Your Majesty's Naval Service on and from the 1st October 1903, in lieu of the Scale now in force.

Whereas, also, it is the general practice for Boys in Your Majesty's Ships not to contribute towards the expenses of the Mess of which they are members, and this fact constitutes a hardship to the Men;

We would further beg leave to recommend that in those Messes where the proportion of Boys is more than one Boy to six Men, an allowance of 1*d.* a day for each Boy beyond that proportion be paid to the Mess.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

SCHEDULE.

Revised Scale of Victualling for Seamen, &c. in His Majesty's Navy.

	When to be issued.	Articles.		Seamen. Officers, Crew, and others, at a Seaman's Full Allowance.	Seamen. Supernumeraries at Two-thirds of a Seaman's Allowance.
1	Daily	Biscuit* or	lb.	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{5}{6}$
2		Soft Bread	lb.	$1\frac{1}{2}$	1
3		Jam	oz.	2	$1\frac{1}{3}$
4		Spirit	pint	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{12}$
5		Coffee	oz.	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
6		Sugar	oz.	3	2
7		Corned Beef or other Preserved Meat.	oz.	4	$2\frac{2}{3}$
8		Chocolate—Ordinary or	oz.	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{5}{12}$
9		" Soluble†	oz.	$\frac{3}{4}$	—
10		Condensed Milk	oz.	$\frac{3}{4}$	
11		Tea	oz.	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
12	Every four days	Salt	oz.	1	$\frac{2}{3}$
13	Weekly	Mustard	oz.	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
14		Pepper	oz.	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{6}$
15		Vinegar	pint	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{6}$
16	Daily when procurable.	Fresh Meat	lb.	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
17		Vegetables	lb.	1	$\frac{2}{3}$

Scale of Substitutes.

In case it should be necessary to issue Substitutes for any of the Articles in this Scale of Victualling, the following proportion is to be adopted, viz. :—

Biscuit	1 lb.	are to be considered equal to each other.
Flour	1 lb.	
Rice	1 lb.	

Wine	$\frac{1}{2}$ pint	do. do.
Spirit	$\frac{1}{2}$ gill	
Porter	1 pint	

Coffee	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	do. do.
Cocoa	$\frac{3}{8}$ oz.	
Chocolate, Ordinary	$\frac{3}{8}$ oz.	
" Soluble	$\frac{3}{4}$ oz.	
Tea	$\frac{3}{16}$ oz.	

The following, when issued with Meat Rations, are to be considered equal to each other :—

1.	Split Peas	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
	Peas (Whole)	$\frac{1}{2}$ pint.
	Flour	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb.
	Calavances	$\frac{1}{2}$ pint.
	Dholl	$\frac{1}{2}$ pint.
	Rice	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb.
2.	Vegetables	1 lb.
	Compressed Mixed Vegetables	2 oz.
3.	Oatmeal	$\frac{1}{2}$ pint or 2 oz.
	Split Peas	$\frac{2}{3}$ lb.

When fresh Provisions cannot be procured :—

To be issued in Rotation.

18	First day	Salt Pork	lb.	¾	½
19	First day	Split Peas	lb.	⅛	⅜
20	First day	Compressed Vegetables	oz.	1	⅜
21	First day	Celery Seed	½ oz. to every 8 lbs. of Split Peas put into the Coppers.		
22	Second day	Salt Beef	lb.	¾	½
20	Second day	Compressed Vegetables	oz.	1	⅜
23	Second day	Flour	oz.	9	6
24	Second day	Suet	oz.	¾	½
25	Second day	Raisins	oz.	2	1⅓
7	Third day	Preserved Meat	oz.	9	6
		with either			
26	Third day	(1) Rice	oz.	4	2⅔
20	Third day	(1) Compd. Vegetables	oz.	1	⅜
		or			
23	Third day	(2) Flour	oz.	9	6
24	Third day	(2) Suet	oz.	¾	½
25	Third day	(2) Raisins	oz.	2	1⅓
20	Third day	(2) Compd. Vegetables	oz.	1	⅜

In cases where the Spirit Ration is not taken up, one of the following Substituted Rations may be issued, in accordance with Art. 1732, page 800, King's Regulations, 1899, viz. :—

1. Tea - - - - ¼ oz.
   Soluble Chocolate - - ½ oz.
   Sugar - - - - 1¼ oz.

   or

2. Tea - - - - ¼ oz.
   Sugar - - - - 2¾ oz.

   or

3. Soluble Chocolate - - ¾ oz.
   Sugar - - - - 2 oz.

NOTES.

* When the men desire it, ¼ lb. of Flour may be issued instead of ¼ lb. of Biscuit.

† The issue of Soluble Chocolate, in lieu of Ordinary, may be sanctioned by the Commander-in-Chief whenever the stock of Soluble Chocolate at any of the Depôts abroad is in excess of 12 months' average issues.

The Scale also applies to cases where Commanding Officers sanction the issue of Soluble in lieu of Ordinary Chocolate, in consequence of the stock of the former article on board being such as to render it unlikely that it will be otherwise brought into use until deteriorated by age, or before the Ship has been put out of commission.

In these cases "savings" are to be paid as for the original article of Ration (Ordinary Chocolate).

NOTE.—(1) Savings are not paid for Condensed Milk, Salt, Celery Seed, and Split Peas.
(2) Boys in Sea-going Training Ships ("Northampton" and Tenders), and Boy Artificers, receive the above Scale of Victualling with the addition of ¼ lb. Fresh Meat daily, and 8 oz. Flour, 2 oz. Raisins, and 1 oz. Suet twice a week with Fresh Meat.

No. 41. *9th October* 1903.
N.

PAYMASTER-IN-CHIEF—RANK INSTITUTED. COMPULSORY RETIREMENT OF ACCOUNTANT OFFICERS—REGULATIONS AMENDED.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the establishment of Officers of the Accountant Branch of Your Majesty's Navy, and the regulations governing the retirement of such Officers for non-service.

And whereas we are of opinion that the Accountant Branch should be enlarged by the institution of the new rank of Paymaster-in-Chief on the Active List, and that the rules for the retirement of Accountant Officers in respect of non-service should be modified.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals:—

I. That from the first day of October 1903 the rank of Paymaster-in-Chief on the Active List be instituted with relative rank as Captain, R.N., of 3 years' seniority, under the following regulations as to promotion, pay, &c.:—

Promotion.—To be by selection, provided that the Officers have 20 years' service, including time served as Secretary, Paymaster, Acting Paymaster, and not more than 4 years' time as Assistant Paymaster.

Paymasters-in-Chief on the Active List to be eligible for appointment as Secretary to a Flag Officer, as in the case of other Accountant Officers.

The present regulations as to the promotion of Officers to the retired rank of Paymaster-in-Chief to remain in force.

Full Pay.—To be at the rate of 38*s.* a day.

Half Pay.—To be at a fixed rate of 17*s.* a day

Age for Retirement.—The ages for optional and compulsory retirement to be 55 and 60 respectively. Paymasters-in-Chief to be compulsorily retired after 3 years' continuous non-service in the rank, or at any time, if found unfit for further active service.

Retired Pay.—The regulations for Fleet, &c. Paymasters to be applicable to Paymasters-in-Chief.

Widows' Pensions and Compassionate Allowances to Children.—To be under the same regulations as those applicable to Paymasters-in-Chief on the Retired List.

The maximum number of Paymasters-in-Chief on the Active List to be fixed at 12.

Six promotions to the rank to be made during 1903–4, and six further promotions in 1904–5, a proportionate reduction being made in the establishment of Fleet and Staff Paymasters and Paymasters.

II. That Fleet and Staff Paymasters and Paymasters shall be compulsorily retired after 3 years' continuous non-service in any of those ranks, or ranks combined (including the rank of Assistant Paymaster). This rule to be applied to all Officers at present on the list of Assistant Paymasters and to all future entrants into the Accountant Branch.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{14449.}{1903.}$

No. 41*. *9th October* 1903.
N.

H.M. THE KING OF PORTUGAL APPOINTED HONORARY ADMIRAL OF THE ROYAL NAVY.

WHEREAS we are desirous of appointing His Majesty King Charles of Portugal and the Algarves, K.G., to be an Honorary Admiral in Your Majesty's Fleet.

We would humbly submit that Your Majesty may be pleased to sanction our conferring this honorary rank upon His Majesty from the 28th instant.

No. 42.
N.

9th October 1903.

COAST GUARD DISTRICT CAPTAINS—CONSOLIDATED PAY.

WHEREAS we have considered it desirable to revise the arrangements for the superintendence of the districts of Your Majesty's Coast Guard:

And whereas we are of opinion that, as under the revised arrangement the Captains of Your Majesty's Navy in charge of the districts are required to reside on shore, they should receive a consolidated rate of pay:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to grant to the Coast Guard District Captains, as from 21st May 1903, consolidated pay at a rate to be fixed by us within a maximum of £950 per annum, in addition to stationery allowance and repayment of travelling expenses.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. 14451./1903.

No. 42*.
N.

9th October 1903.

H.M. THE KING OF GREECE APPOINTED HONORARY ADMIRAL OF THE ROYAL NAVY.

WHEREAS we are desirous of appointing His Majesty George King of the Hellenes to be an Honorary Admiral in Your Majesty's Fleet.

We would humbly submit that Your Majesty may be pleased to sanction our conferring this honorary rank upon His Majesty.

No. 43.
N.

9th October 1903.

ALLOWANCE TO ENGINEER OFFICERS FOR SUPERVISING INSTRUCTION OF BOY ARTIFICERS.

WHEREAS it is necessary to appoint Engineer Officers of Your Maiesty's Fleet to supervise the instruction of newly entered Boy Artificers at the Home Ports.

And whereas we are of opinion that Engineer Officers so appointed shall receive extra pay for the duty in question.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the grant to Engineer Officers while supervising the instruction of Boy Artificers, of an allowance at the rate of 3*s*. a day, to take effect from 20th January 1903.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{14452.}{1903.}$

No. 44. *9th October* 1903.

N.

RETIREMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICERS FOR NON-SERVICE—REGULATIONS AMENDED.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the regulations governing the compulsory retirement for non-service of Medical Officers of Your Majesty's Navy laid down by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 1st day of April 1881:

And whereas we are of opinion that an amendment is necessary in the rule that 5 years' non-service in the combined ranks of Inspector-General and Deputy Inspector-General, or in the combined ranks of Fleet Surgeon, Staff Surgeon, and Surgeon must be followed by compulsory retirement:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the compulsory retirement of all Medical Officers after 3 years' continuous non-employment in any one rank, or after 4 years' continuous non-employment in any two ranks combined:

We further beg leave to recommend that the new regulations should be applied to all future entrants into the Naval Medical Service and to existing Officers on advancement from the rank held by them at the date of Your Majesty's Order in Council.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{14446.}{1903.}$

No. 45.
N.

9th October 1903.

NEW SYSTEM OF SHORE SERVICE FOR CHAPLAINS AND CHAPLAINS AND NAVAL INSTRUCTORS.

Order in Council, 5th February 1872, amended.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the existing Regulations for the entry, service, and retirement of Chaplains in Your Majesty's Navy:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to introduce a system of short service for Chaplains which will secure, without loss of efficiency, a greater range of selection with a younger age of entry:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the introduction of a scheme by which Chaplains, and Chaplains also holding the rank of Naval Instructor, who enter under the age of 28, may at our discretion be allowed to withdraw from the Navy at the expiration of 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, or 16 years' service, with gratuities calculated upon the following scale, viz. :—

	£
After 4 years' full pay service - -	500
„ 6 „ „ - -	600
„ 8 „ „ - -	800
„ 10 „ „ - -	1,000
„ 12 „ „ - -	1,200
„ 16 „ „ - -	1,600

We further beg leave to recommend—

I. That we may be authorised to extend this scheme at our discretion to Chaplains, and to Chaplains also holding the rank of Naval Instructor, now on the list, irrespective of their age on entry.

II. That Regulation No. 2 in Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 5th day of February 1872

be cancelled, and that we may be authorised to substitute the following provision, viz. :—

> Chaplains who have less than 4 years' full pay service and accept a living will be considered as desiring to resign Your Majesty's Service and will not be entitled to any retiring allowance or to either Half or Retired Pay.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{14450.}{1903.}$

No. 46. *9th October* 1903.
A.G.

RATING OF WARDMASTER, AND ALLOWANCE, EXTENDED TO THE HOSPITAL SHIP "MAINE" AND SIMILAR SHIPS.

WHEREAS by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 3rd March 1900, an allowance of sixpence a day for charge of Medical Stores is payable to Chief Sick Berth Stewards when acting as Wardmasters in Royal Naval Hospitals, and by the same Order in Council this rating is restricted to Royal Naval Hospitals, Sea-going Flag Ships and Home Depôt Ships.

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to extend this rating with the allowance to the Hospital Ship "Maine" and to any other ship that may be commissioned for similar service.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction this arrangement.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{3852.}{1903.}$

No. 47.
A.G.

9th October 1903.

PAYMENT OF ALLOTMENTS ABROAD.

WHEREAS it is provided in Article 1656, clause *g*, of the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service that Allotments may be paid at certain places only outside the United Kingdom.

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to extend the Allotment system to (1) all places within British Territory, and (2) such other places as may be specially approved by us in individual cases.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction this proposal.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence herein.

No. 48.
V.

9th October 1903.

MESS UTENSILS—SCALE FOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS AND SEAMEN REVISED.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the scale of Mess Utensils at present supplied for the use of Ships' Companies in accordance with Appendix XXIV. of the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service.

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable that this scale should be revised so as to bring it more into accord with the requirements of the men.

And whereas it is also desirable that Chief Petty Officers who are at present allowed the same Mess Utensils as Seamen, should, in view of the position which they occupy on board Ship, receive a superior class of Mess Utensils to those issued to the remainder of the Ship's Company.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the improvement of the present scale of Mess Utensils

for Seamen by the addition of Knives, Forks, Basins, and Plates, and the issue of a superior scale of Mess Utensils to Chief Petty Officers.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 49. *9th October* 1903.
G.H.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES TO WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF SEAMEN AND MARINES, &c.

Revised Regulations. To be Supplemented from Naval Funds.

WHEREAS Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council dated the 26th day of September 1901 to establish regulations for the grant from Naval Funds of Pensions and Allowances to widows and children of non-commissioned officers, petty officers, and men of the Royal Navy and Marines and of the Reserve Forces whose deaths are attributable to warlike operations;

And whereas the Pensions which may be granted under such regulations are at higher rates than the Pensions which are granted from the funds of Greenwich Hospital to the widows of Seamen, Marines, and other seafaring persons who are killed or drowned on duty in the service of the Crown (other than warlike operations), or on lifeboat service, under authority of an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 12th day of December 1883;

And whereas we deem it advisable that these Pensions and Allowances shall be granted according to an uniform scale;

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the Pensions which are now granted from the funds of Greenwich Hospital being supplemented from Naval Funds to the extent which may be necessary to raise them as from the 1st July 1903 to the scale sanctioned by Your Majesty's aforesaid Order in Council of the 26th day of September 1901.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have expressed their concurrence in this proposal.

We further beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to approve of the regulations for the grant of Pensions and Allowances from the funds of Greenwich Hospital which are annexed hereto being substituted for those now in force.

REGULATIONS for the GRANT of PENSIONS to WIDOWS, and ALLOWANCES to CHILDREN, and of GRATUITIES to PARENTS and other RELATIVES of SEAMEN, MARINES, and other SEAFARING PERSONS.

1. Under the 2nd section of Act 46 & 47 Vict. cap. 32, Pensions and Allowances are granted by the Admiralty out of the Funds of Greenwich Hospital to Widows and Children of—

(*a*) Non-commissioned officers and petty officers and men of the Royal Navy and Marines killed or drowned in the service of the Crown, or on life-boat service; and of

(*b*) Men of the Royal Naval Volunteers (*i.e.*, Royal Naval Reserve) killed or drowned in the service of the Crown; and of

(*c*) Men killed or drowned in the service of the Crown while serving in the Seamen Pensioners' Reserve; and of

(*d*) Men of the Royal Naval Artillery Volunteer Force killed or drowned in the service of the Crown.

2. These Pensions and Allowances are granted also to Widows and Children of non-commissioned officers, petty officers or men as aforesaid who die from the effects of any injury or disease when it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Admiralty—

(*a*) That the injury or disease was caused by accident on duty in the service of the Crown, and that the man died therefrom within two years; or

(*b*) That the injury or disease was caused by extraordinary exposure or exertion on duty in the service of the Crown, and that it terminated fatally within two years of being first certified.

3. Pension or Allowance will not be granted when death has been due to a man's own culpable action or negligence, or when the Widow was not legally married to the man before the receipt of the injury or before the disease was contracted.

4. The Pensions are supplemented from Naval Funds, and awards are made according to the following scale:—

Scale of Pensions and Allowances.

Rating.	Widow's Pension per Week.			Allowance for each Child dependent on the Mother per Week.
	From the Funds of Greenwich Hospital.	Supplementary Pension from Naval Funds.	Total.	
	s. d.	*s. d.*	*s. d.*	*s. d.*
(1) Able seamen and other persons in the same category, including Marines and Marine Artillery.	3 6	1 6	5 0	1 6
(2) 2nd class petty officers, corporals of Marines and Marine Artillery.	4 0	2 0	6 0	1 6
(3) 1st class petty officers, sergeants of Marines and Marine Artillery.	4 6	3 0	7 6	2 0
(4) Chief petty officers, colour and staff sergeants of the Marines and Marine Artillery.	5 0	4 0	9 0	2 0

Rates in excess of the foregoing scale may, at the discretion of the Admiralty, be awarded in cases needing special relief.

5. If a Widow re-marry, her Pension will cease, and she will be eligible to receive a Gratuity equal to one year's Pension in full discharge of all claims upon the public bounty. Allowances to Children may be continued.

6. Pensions and Allowances are tenable subject to good behaviour, and are granted at the discretion of the Admiralty. They cannot be claimed as a right. Any assignment, sale or contract relating to a Pension or Allowance is void.

7. If a Mother die, or Children be removed from a Mother's control on account of her misconduct (*see* paragraph 6), the allowances in respect of the Children may be paid at twice the normal rates (*see* paragraph 4); or provision may be made for the maintenance of the Children in a benevolent institution.

8. If a Widow be in receipt of parish relief, in respect either of herself or her family, the payment of the Pension and Allowance may be suspended. In no case will the Pension or Allowance be paid to the parish authorities.

9. Widows will be required to make a declaration quarterly or whenever it may be considered necessary, before a duly authorised person, as to their continued widowhood,

and of any particulars required in reference to their families. (*Forms for this purpose will be supplied.*)

10. Boys above 14 and girls above 16 will, as a rule, be ineligible for Allowances.

11. If the claim of a Widow to a Pension be not established before her death, the amount of the Pension to which she would have been entitled if living will not be allowed to her representatives.

12. These regulations apply only from the 1st July 1903.

13. In the event of men specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 not leaving Widows or Children, but leaving Parents or other Relatives dependent upon them, Gratuities not exceeding one year's full wages may be given at the discretion of the Admiralty to such Parents or Relatives, provided the total expenditure in such Gratuities shall not exceed in any one year the sum of Five hundred pounds.

NOTE.—*Widows of Coast Guard Men entitled to Civil Pensions are excepted from these Regulations.*

And whereas the provisions of section one of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with.

No. 50. *9th October* 1903.

A.G.

MEDICAL, ACCOUNTANT, AND ENGINEER OFFICERS—ACCELERATED PROMOTION.

Relative Rank, Pay, &c.

WHEREAS we are of opinion that it is desirable to accelerate the promotion of Officers of the Medical, Accountant, and Engineer Branches of Your Majesty's Navy so that the relative rank of Commander may be reached at an age more nearly approximating to that of an Executive Officer when promoted to the rank of Commander:

And whereas we have had under consideration the comparatively advanced age of an Assistant Paymaster on attaining the relative rank of Lieutenant:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the proposals set forth in the accompanying Schedule, the financial portions of which have received the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE.

I.—Promotion.

(*a*) *Medical Officers:—*

Staff Surgeons to be promoted to Fleet Surgeon on attaining 8 years' seniority as Staff Surgeon. Surgeons to be promoted to Staff Surgeon on attaining 8 years' seniority, instead of 12 as heretofore.

Officers holding the rank of Staff Surgeon at the date of Your Majesty's Order in Council to be promoted to Fleet Surgeon after 4 years' seniority as Staff Surgeon, counting from the date of advancement to that rank.

(*b*) *Accountant Officers:—*

Staff Paymasters to be promoted to Fleet Paymaster on attaining 4 years' seniority as Staff Paymaster, instead of 12 as Paymaster and Staff Paymaster as heretofore.

Paymasters to be promoted to Staff Paymaster on attaining 4 years' seniority as Paymaster, instead of 6 as heretofore.

(*c*) *Engineer Officers:—*

Engineer Lieutenants on the Senior List (*i.e.*, with 8 years' seniority, &c.) to be promoted to Engineer Commander after 4 years on the Senior List, instead of 8.

This provision to be temporary and to be applicable only to Officers entered before 1st April 1900.

(*d*) The above provisions for early advancement to be applied in every case at the discretion of the Admiralty, and to be subject to such conditions respecting qualifying examination, &c., as the Admiralty may deem to be requisite. The introduction of the changes to be accompanied by such revision of seniorities as may be found necessary.

II.—Relative Rank.

(*a*) Officers promoted to Staff and Fleet Surgeon, to Staff and Fleet Paymaster, and to Engineer Commander, under Section I. hereof, to hold the relative rank at present assigned to such ranks.

(*b*) Staff Paymasters to rank with Lieutenants of 8 years' seniority according to their seniority as Paymasters.

(*c*) Paymasters to rank with Lieutenants of 8 years' seniority instead of "with but after" as heretofore.

(*d*) Assistant Paymasters of 4 years' seniority, instead of 6 as heretofore, to rank with Lieutenants under 8 years' seniority.

III.—Pay.

(*a*) The existing scales of full, half, and retired pay and of gratuities on retirement and withdrawal applicable to the Officers mentioned in Section I. hereof, to be retained, and changes to be made in the descriptive portions thereof, corresponding to the alterations in the description of rank at the various stages of seniority herein specified.

(*b*) Assistant Paymasters on attaining 4 years' seniority to receive an increase of full pay of 1*s.* a day.

IV.—Widows' Pensions, &c.

The acceleration of promotion set forth in the above provisions to carry with it the advantages of the higher rates of widows' pensions and children's compassionate allowances.

No. 51. 16*th November* 1903.
N.

TORPEDO INSTRUCTORS ENTERED IN THE COAST GUARD FOR CHARGE OF WIRELESS TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENTS.

Grant of Rank of Commissioned Boatman and an Allowance to.

Whereas it is necessary to employ Seamen in Your Majesty's Coast Guard of the rating of Torpedo Instructor to take charge of the apparatus at Wireless Telegraph War Signal stations:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to offer an inducement to men holding this rating to serve in Your Majesty's Coast Guard and undertake the charge of such apparatus:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the grant of the rank of Commissioned Boatmen and an allowance of One shilling and sixpence (1*s.* 6*d.*) a day to Torpedo Instructors who enter the Coast Guard and are placed in charge of Wireless Telegraph Instruments, such allowance to be payable irrespective of the rank to which they may attain in Your Majesty's Coast Guard Service.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{16271.}{1903.}$

No. 52. *16th November* 1903.
N.

RELATIVE RANK OF OFFICERS AND MEN OF COAST GUARD REVISED.

Grant of Honorary Rank of Lieutenant to certain Chief Officers on Retirement.

WHEREAS Officers and men of Your Majesty's Navy who may be employed in the Coast Guard Service on shore now hold relative Naval Rank according to the following table, viz. :—

Coast Guard Rank.	Corresponding Naval Rank.
Chief Officer of Division -	With Chief Boatswain according to seniority.
Chief Officer of Royal Naval Reserve Battery.	With, but after Chief Boatswain.
Chief Officer of Station over 5 years' seniority.	With, but after Boatswain of 10 years' seniority.
Chief Officer of Station under 5 years' seniority.	With, but after Boatswain.
Chief Boatman in Charge -	With Chief Petty Officer.
Chief Boatman - -	With First Class Petty Officer.
Commissioned Boatman and Divisional Carpenter.	With Second Class Petty Officer.
Boatman - - - -	With Able Seaman.

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And whereas we consider it desirable that the relative rank of such Officers and men serving in the Coast Guard on shore should be revised:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the substitution of the following table of relative rank for that at present in force, viz.:—

Coast Guard Rank.	Corresponding Naval Rank.
Chief Officer of Division -	With, but after Lieutenant.
Chief Officer of Royal Naval Reserve Battery. Chief Officer of Station over 10 years' seniority.	With, but after Chief Boatswain.
Chief Officer of Station over 5 years' seniority.	With, but after Boatswain of 10 years' seniority.
Chief Officer of Station under 5 years' seniority.	With, but after Boatswain.
Chief Boatman in Charge -	With Chief Petty Officer.
Chief Boatman - -	With First Class Petty Officer.
Commissioned Boatman and Divisional Carpenter.	With Second Class Petty Officer.
Boatman - - -	With Able Seaman.

We further beg leave humbly to recommend that we may be empowered to confer at our discretion the rank of Honorary Lieutenant on retirement upon Chief Officers of Stations who have had charge of Royal Naval Reserve Batteries for three years, and upon Chief Officers of Cruisers who have held command for a similar period.

The above revised regulations to take effect as from the first day of April 1903.

N. $\frac{16141.}{1903.}$

No. 53. 16*th November* 1903.
N.

INTRODUCTION OF TITLE OF BOY DOMESTIC.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty, bearing date the twenty-ninth day of January one thousand nine hundred, youths entered for training as Domestics in Your Majesty's Navy are referred to as "Domestics Third Class under eighteen years of age":

And whereas it is considered desirable that in future such youths should be designated "Boy Domestics":

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by your Order in Council to sanction such change in title.

N. 16142.
1903.

No. 54. 16*th November* 1903.
N.

SICK BERTH STAFF—INCREASED CLOTHING GRATUITY TO MEN FINALLY ACCEPTED.

WHEREAS under existing regulations men entered for service in the Sick Berth Staff of Your Majesty's Navy receive, on successfully passing their probationary period, a gratuity of £2 10*s*. towards the cost of their clothing:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable still further to assist these men to procure their outfit by increasing the gratuity to £9, the rate payable to certain other classes of men on joining Your Majesty's Navy:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment accordingly to men who are finally accepted for service in the Sick Berth Staff of Your Majesty's Navy, this regulation to take effect as from the seventeenth day of October 1903.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

16265.
1903.

No. 54*. 16*th November* 1903.
C.

PENSION FOR INJURIES GRANTED TO ENGINEER LIEUTENANT C. E. RUSSELL, R.N.

WHEREAS Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council dated the 9th day of October 1903 to refer for our consideration and for report a humble Memorial addressed to Your Majesty by Charles Edward Russell, Engineer Lieutenant in Your Majesty's Navy, praying for the grant of compensation for injuries sustained by him in the execution of his duty on board Your Majesty's Ship "Grafton" on the 20th day of January 1902:

We, having taken the same into our careful consideration, beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the grant to the said Engineer Lieutenant Charles Edward Russell, R.N., of a pension of Twenty-five pounds a year for life from the fifteenth day of May 1902, inclusive.

No. 54A. 16*th November* 1903.
N.

CLASSIFICATION AND PAY OF GUNNERY AND TORPEDO RATINGS AND ALLOWANCES TO GUNNERY AND TORPEDO OFFICERS.

Revision of.

WHEREAS Your Majesty by Your Orders in Council of the 13th day of May 1901 and 11th day of August 1902 was graciously pleased to sanction various changes in the classification and pay of Non-Substantive Gunnery and Torpedo Ratings held by Petty Officers and Seamen of Your Majesty's Navy and by Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Marines.

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable, in order to promote greater efficiency in the performance of the Gunnery and Torpedo duties of Your Majesty's Fleet, further to revise the classification and allowances of such Non-Substantive Gunnery and Torpedo Ratings.

And whereas we are also of opinion that the nature and extent of the duties which, under the new scheme of training in Gunnery and Torpedo, will in future devolve upon Officers

who have qualified in those special branches, render it desirable that the allowances attached to the performance of such duties should be increased.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals :—

I. That Officers who in future qualify in Gunnery and Torpedo should receive the following allowances when actually borne for the performance of their special duties, viz. :—

Lieutenants who obtain the highest certificates both at the Gunnery or Torpedo Schools and at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich - - -	4*s.* 0*d.* a day.
Lieutenants who pass the complete courses at the Gunnery or Torpedo Schools - -	3*s.* 0*d.* ,,
Lieutenants who pass the first course at the Gunnery or Torpedo Schools - - - -	2*s.* 0*d.* ,,
Other Lieutenants performing Gunnery duties in Ships where a Gunnery Lieutenant is allowed but not borne, as hitherto -	1*s.* 0*d.* ,,

II. That the designation and allowances of Non-Substantive Gunnery and Torpedo Ratings shall from the date of the introduction of the scheme be as follows :—

GUNNERY.

PETTY OFFICERS AND SEAMEN OF THE ROYAL NAVY.

(*a*)

Trained Man - - -	1*d.* a day.
Seaman Gunner - -	4*d.* ,,

(*b*)

Sight Setter - - -	6*d.* ,,
Gun Layer - - -	10*d.* ,,
Turret Sight Setter - -	10*d.* ,,
Turret Gun Layer - -	1*s.* 0*d.* ,,

(*c*)

Gunnery Instructor in addition to any one of the allowances specified under (*b*) - - 8*d.* a day.

(*d*)

The allowance of 1*s.* a day payable, under Order in Council of Her late Majesty, bearing date the 28th day of November 1899, to Captains of Turret who re-engage after completing time for Pension to be payable to them under their new designation of Turret Gun Layer.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE ROYAL MARINES.

Royal Marine Artillery.

Second Captain of Gun or Sight Setter - - -	2*d.*	a day (as hitherto).
Captain of Gun or Gun Layer	6*d.*	,,
Gunnery Instructor, when actually employed as such, in addition to either of the above allowances - -	6*d.*	,,

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Trained Man - - -	1*d.*	a day (as hitherto).
Qualified Man in Gunnery -	2*d.*	,,
Second Captain of Gun or Sight Setter (*a*) - - -	3*d.*	,, ,,
Captain of Gun or Gun Layer (*a*)	7*d.*	,,
Gunnery Instructor, when actually employed as such, in addition to either of the allowances specified at (*a*) -	6*d.*	,,

TORPEDO.

	s.	*d.*	
Seaman Torpedo Man - - -	0	4	a day.
Leading Torpedo Man - - -	0	10	,,
Torpedo Coxswain - - -	1	0	,,
Torpedo Instructor - - -	1	8	,,

III. That the Petty Officers and men holding the Non-Substantive Ratings specified in Section II. shall receive the pay for such ratings continuously whether in performance of the duties or not, so long as they remain efficient.

IV. That Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Royal Marines holding the Gunnery Ratings specified in Section II. shall receive continuous payment of the allowances so long as they remain efficient and available for sea service whether in performance of the duties or not (except in the case of Gunnery Instructors); but payments shall cease in the event of their obtaining permanent appointments on shore.

V. That the men holding the existing rating of "Qualified in Gunnery" shall continue to hold such rating under the present conditions until it shall be relinquished in the ordinary course, and that those Petty Officers and men who may be waiting at home to qualify for this rating, or who are undergoing afloat the preliminary training for it, shall on duly qualifying receive the rating and the pay thereof.

We further beg leave humbly to recommend that the provisions of the following Orders in Council, so far as they are affected by these proposals, may be repealed, viz.:—

Orders in Council of the—

23rd day of January 1860,
10th day of June 1864,
30th day of April 1877,
12th day of January 1891,
13th day of May 1901,
11th day of August 1902.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{16276.}{1903.}$

No. 55. *8th December* 1903.

N.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR OFFICERS ON EXECUTIVE LIST REVISED.

Numbers of Flag Officers increased, &c.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the present conditions of service of Officers of the various ranks of the Military Branch of Your Majesty's Navy, with particular

reference to the ages at which the Officers come upon the several lists.

And whereas we are of opinion that it is in the interests of Your Majesty's Naval Service that the flow of promotion to the higher ranks should be accelerated in order that Officers may reach the rank of Flag Officer at an earlier age than at present.

And whereas we considered that it is necessary to make certain additions to the authorised establishment of Flag Officers, and also to accelerate the periodical increases at present being made in the numbers of Officers under previous Orders in Council.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals:—

I.—Non-Service Retirement.

That a reduction shall be made in the period of non-service which entails compulsory retirement in the ranks of Flag Officer, Captain, Commander, and Lieutenant, and that the following rules be laid down:—

Admirals.—To be retired so soon as five years have elapsed since their last "Service" as Flag Officers.

Vice-Admirals.—To be retired so soon as five years have elapsed since their last "Service" as Flag Officer, or on promotion to the rank of Admiral if they have not served as Vice-Admiral.

Rear-Admirals.—To be retired so soon as three and a half years have elapsed since their last "Service" as Rear-Admiral, or if they have not served as Rear-Admiral, so soon as three and a half years have elapsed since their promotion to Rear-Admiral or when five years have elapsed since their last "Service" as Captain.

Flag Officers generally.—Any Flag Officer whose Flag has not been hoisted during a period of seven years to be retired at the expiration of such period.

Captain.—To be retired so soon as three years have elapsed since their last "Service" as Captain, or, if they have not served as Captain, so soon as three years have elapsed since their promotion to that rank.

Commanders and Lieutenants.—To be retired so soon as three years have elapsed since their last "Service" in their existing rank, or if they have not served in their existing rank so soon as three years have elapsed since the date of their promotion.

II.—Optional Retirement.

That Flag Officers, Captains, and Commanders shall be allowed to retire at any age, at the discretion of the Admiralty, with retired pay as provided by the Regulations.

III.—Retired Pay of Captains.

That the scale of retired pay for Captains according to age and service shall be revised in the following manner:—

Officers who are retired at the age of 51 years or over to receive an addition to their retired pay for every full year's service (within a maximum of five years) in excess of the periods specified in the existing scale at the rate of Fifteen Pounds a year instead of Ten Pounds a year as at present.

No Captain to be allowed to receive any addition to his retired pay on account of a Good Service Pension held by him upon retirement except in cases of retirement for ill-health caused by the Service. In such cases Officers to receive at our discretion an addition ranging from a minimum of Fifty Pounds to a maximum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, the increase over the minimum to be at the rate of Fifteen Pounds for each year's service in excess of 20 years. In no case, however, is the retired pay of a Captain to exceed Six Hundred Pounds per annum.

A Captain to be entitled to a minimum rate of retired pay of Four Hundred and Twenty Five Pounds a year provided that he is 45 years of age and that he has served as Captain for three years of which two must have been in command of a Ship of War at Sea

IV.—Civil Employment.

That "Civil Employment" as defined by existing Regulations, including service as Naval Attaché, shall be deemed to be service to prevent compulsory retirement.

V.—Shore Employment.

That no Officer shall be allowed to hold an appointment or appointments that may be defined by us to be "Shore Employment" for more than five consecutive years, or, in the case of Members of the Board of Admiralty, for more than seven consecutive years, except under special circumstances which may in our opinion justify an extension of the appointment in particular cases.

In calculating the period of employment ashore, time on Half Pay shall be included.

Temporary employment in any capacity during Naval Manœuvres shall not qualify an Officer for a further period of employment on shore.

VI.—Number of Officers.

That the future establishment of Flag Officers upon the Active List shall be as follows :—

Admirals of the Fleet - - -	3	92
Admirals - - - - - -	12	
Vice-Admirals - - - -	22	
Rear-Admirals - - - -	55	

The increase over numbers authorised by existing regulations to be made by annual instalments and to be completed by the year 1907.

The present rate of increase in the Captains' and Commanders' lists shall be amended as follows :—

Captains.—An increase of 8 in each of the years 1903, 1904, and 1905, and of 7 in each of the two following years.

Commanders.—An increase of 9 in each year, commencing with the year 1903 until the authorised number is reached.

We further beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to direct that these rules may come into operation as follows :—

(*a*) The Regulations proposed in Section I. shall take effect only as regards Officers promoted to Flag rank or to the other ranks therein mentioned subsequently to the date of Your Majesty's Order in Council.

(*b*) The Regulations proposed in Sections II., III., IV., and V. shall take effect from the date of Your Majesty's Order in Council subject, as regards III., to the provision that the existing rights of Captains holding Good Service Pensions shall be maintained.

(*c*) The additions to the various lists of Officers proposed in Section VI. shall take effect as from the first day of July 1903.

We also beg leave humbly to recommend that the provisions of the following Orders in Council, so far as they

are at variance with these proposals, may be repealed, viz.:—

Orders in Council of the—

22nd day of February 1870.
16th day of July 1895.
29th day of November 1898.
19th day of May 1899.
3rd day of March 1900.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{17187.}{1903.}$

No. 56. *8th December* 1903.
N.

INCREASE OF SALARY TO THE PAYMASTER OF THE ROYAL MARINES AT DEAL.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the question of granting a higher scale of salary to the Paymaster of Your Majesty's Royal Marines at Deal.

And whereas we are of opinion that the work performed by this officer is in all respects equal to that performed by the Paymasters of the Divisional Headquarters.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment to this officer of the same pay, viz., £400 a year, as that payable to the Paymasters of the Divisions.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{17186.}{1903.}$

No. 57. *29th January* 1904.
A.G.

INCREASED FUEL ALLOWANCES FOR WAR SIGNAL STATIONS, WATCH ROOMS, &c.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the fuel allowances payable, under Appendix C. of the Instructions for the Government of Your Majesty's Coast Guard Service, for War

Signal Stations (Coast Guard Detachments) and for Watch Rooms, Look-out Houses, &c. temporarily occupied :

And whereas we are of opinion that in many cases the present maximum allowances are inadequate :

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction payment of the following increased allowances, subject to the conditions hereinafter laid down :—

	A year. £	s.	d.
Wireless Telegraph Signal Stations - -	10	10	0
Other Signal Stations - - -	7	0	0
The exact amount payable within these limits to be at our discretion.			
Coast Guard Stations which are also War Signal Stations fitted with Wireless Telegraph Instruments to cease to draw the allowance of £7 under Appendix C. if paid a higher allowance as Wireless Telegraph Stations :			
Watch Rooms, &c. temporarily occupied -	4	10	0
The exact amount payable within this limit to be at our discretion in any case where it may be considered that the present rate is insufficient owing to any special circumstances or conditions under which the Watch Room, &c. is occupied.			

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

E. $\frac{609.}{1904.}$

No. 58. *29th January* 1904.

N.

RATES OF PAY OF PENSIONERS EMPLOYED AT PIGEON LOFTS.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the Staff required in connection with the Pigeon Service section of the Signal Branch of Your Majesty's Fleet :

And whereas we are of opinion that until trained Active Service ratings are available to man the Pigeon Lofts, it is

desirable to employ qualified Pensioners at special rates of pay on this duty:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the grant of the following rates of pay (inclusive of provision allowance) to the Pensioners at present employed at the Pigeon Lofts, and to such other Pensioners as it may be necessary to enter for this special service, pending the employment of trained Active Service ratings for the duty:

Pensioner Petty Officer in charge -	4*s.* 4*d.* a day.
Pensioner Seamen or Marines - -	4*s.* a day.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. 1604.
1904.

No. 59. *29th January* 1904.
N.

NUMBERS OF MEDICAL AND ACCOUNTANT OFFICERS INCREASED.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Orders in Council bearing dates the sixteenth day of February 1903, tenth day of August 1903, and ninth day of October 1903, the numbers of Medical and Accountant Officers of Your Majesty's Fleet were fixed at—

Medical Officers.

Inspectors-General and Deputy Inspectors-General (of whom not more than 5 may be Inspectors-General) - - - - - - - -	19
Fleet and Staff Surgeons and Surgeons - -	525
Total - - -	544

Accountant Officers.

Paymasters-in-Chief - - - -	12
Fleet and Staff Paymasters and Paymasters -	246
Assistant Paymasters and Clerks - - -	319
Total - - -	577

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And whereas it is necessary in order to meet the requirements of the Fleet in 1908–9 that these Establishments should be increased as follows:—

Medical Officers.

Inspectors-General and Deputy Inspectors-General (of whom not more than 5 may be Inspectors-General) - - - - - - - -	19
Fleet and Staff Surgeons and Surgeons - -	574
Total - - - -	593

Accountant Officers.

Paymasters-in-Chief - - - - - - -	12
Fleet and Staff Paymasters and Paymasters -	271
Assistant Paymasters and Clerks - - -	336
Total - - -	619

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to increase the numbers of Medical and Accountant Officers accordingly.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{1695.}{1904.}$

No. 60. *29th January* 1904.

N.

FORMATION OF A RESERVE OF ARMOURERS, EXTRA PAY TO SEAMEN AND MARINES EMPLOYED AS ARMOURER'S ASSISTANTS.

WHEREAS we consider it necessary to form a Reserve of Armourers to be maintained by volunteers from among the Seamen of Your Majesty's Fleet and Your Majesty's Royal Marines who have undergone a course of instruction in Armourer's work.

And whereas it is necessary to make provision for the grant of extra pay to men who have so qualified when they are employed as Armourer's Assistants.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to grant extra pay at the rates laid down in Article 1490 (Class III.) of the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service to men specially trained in Armourer's work when employed under the authority of their respective Commanders-in-Chief to assist the Armourers on board their ships.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{1696.}{1904.}$

No. 61. *29th January* 1904.
N.

ROYAL MARINE BAND FOR HIS MAJESTY'S YACHT.

Allowance to Non-Commissioned Officers and Bandsmen when actually embarked.

WHEREAS it is necessary to make provision for the attendance of a Band of Your Majesty's Royal Marines on board Your Majesty's Yacht when required:

And whereas it is desirable that Non-Commissioned Officers and Bandsmen of the Royal Marines selected for this duty should receive a special allowance whilst so employed:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the grant, as from the fourteenth day of January 1904, of an allowance of one shilling a day to a number not exceeding twenty Non-Commissioned Officers and Bandsmen of the Royal Marines while actually embarked for service on board Your Majesty's Yacht.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{1748.}{1904.}$

No. 62.
A.G.

11th February 1904.

RETIRED PAY OF OFFICERS PROMOTED FROM WARRANT RANK.

WHEREAS the scale of Retired Pay established by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 28th March 1903, for Lieutenants, Engineer Lieutenants, and Carpenter Lieutenants promoted to those ranks for long and zealous service as Warrant Officer, &c., provides for the Retired Pay to be calculated at separate rates according to the several grades through which the Officers have passed, the individual rates to be applied to each year's service in the grades concerned :

And whereas we are of opinion that fractions of a year's service in each grade should be taken into account in the assessment of Retired Pay to these Officers, in a similar manner to that sanctioned by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 11th August 1884, in regard to pensions to Warrant Officers.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of the following proposals, viz. :—

(*a*) When the fractions of a year's service in each grade for which a separate rate of Retired Pay is assigned do not, in the aggregate, equal 365 days, no Retired Pay to be allowed in respect thereof.

(*b*) When such fractions equal or exceed one, two, or three full years in the aggregate, Retired Pay to be awarded for one, two or three years respectively as follows :—

For each day of the fraction of service in the lowest grade, $\frac{1}{365}$th of the annual rate assigned to such service.

For each day of the balance required to make up the one, two, or three full years, $\frac{1}{365}$th of the annual rate or rates assigned to service in the higher grade or grades from which such balance is taken.

(*c*) The minimum and maximum rates of Retired Pay to be inclusive of this addition.

(*d*) The above provisions to apply to all Lieutenants, Engineer Lieutenants, and Carpenter Lieutenants who have been, or may hereafter be, placed on the retired list under Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 28th March 1903 aforesaid.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N.P. $\frac{623.}{1904.}$

No. 63. *7th March* 1904.
N.

BOATSWAINS PERFORMING GUNNERY OR TORPEDO DUTIES—ALLOWANCE.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 6th day of March 1896, provision was made for the payment of an allowance of one shilling a day to Gunners and Gunners (T) holding Second Class Certificates in Gunnery or Torpedo:

And whereas we are of opinion that Boatswains who have undergone a course of training in Gunnery and Torpedo should be eligible to receive a similar allowance when employed upon Gunnery or Torpedo duties:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment of an allowance of one shilling a day to Boatswains who have qualified in Gunnery or Torpedo while employed on the duties of a Gunner or Gunner (T) respectively in a temporary vacancy when an officer of one of these ranks is not borne.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{3495.}{1904.}$

No. 64.
N.

NUMBERS OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, R.N.R., INCREASED.

WHEREAS Your Majesty by Your Order in Council of the sixteenth day of February 1903, was graciously pleased to fix the number of Lieutenants, Sub-Lieutenants, and Midshipmen of Your Majesty's Royal Navy Reserve at 1550:

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And whereas we are of opinion that it is necessary to increase the number of Executive Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve, including Commanders, to 1600:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the number of Commanders, Lieutenants, Sub-Lieutenants and Midshipmen of the Royal Naval Reserve being fixed at 1,600 Officers accordingly.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{3468}{1904.}$

N. / No. 65. *7th March* 1904.

CREATION OF RANK OF COMMANDER R.N.R.—PAY, &c.

WHEREAS under existing regulations there is no active rank in Your Majesty's Royal Naval Reserve above that of Lieutenant to which Executive Officers of the Reserve can be advanced:

And whereas we consider it desirable to establish a higher rank to which Lieutenants of the Naval Reserve may be promoted:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise the introduction of the new rank of Commander, Royal Naval Reserve, under the following regulations:—

PAY AND ALLOWANCES.

When employed in the Fleet.

Commanders, Royal Naval Reserve, to receive the same rate of pay, allowances, and shares in prize-money as officers of corresponding rank in the Royal Navy:

Equipment allowance—£50, as in the case of a retired Commander, Royal Navy.

When not employed in the Fleet.

Commanders, Royal Naval Reserve, to receive the same Annual Training Fee as Lieutenants, Royal Naval Reserve, viz. £25 a year.

If under training in the Fleet.

Commanders to receive the same rate of pay and allowances as if called out by Royal Proclamation.

RETIREMENT.

The age for compulsory retirement to be fixed at 55 years in the case of Commanders, Royal Naval Reserve, promoted from Lieutenant, who held commissions as such on 8th February 1896, and at 50 years in the case of officers granted commissions as Lieutenant with seniority subsequent to that date.

NUMBER.

The maximum number of Commanders, Royal Naval Reserve, to be fixed at 50, but promotions to the new rank to be included in the authorised total number of officers of the Royal Naval Reserve (Executive Branch).

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{3488.}{1904.}$

No. 66. *7th March* 1904.

N.

NAVAL SCHOOLMASTERS—REVISED CONDITIONS OF SERVICE. RANK OF CHIEF SCHOOLMASTER INSTITUTED.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the difficulty experienced in obtaining candidates for the position of Schoolmaster in Your Majesty's Naval Service:

And whereas we consider it necessary, in order to secure the services of efficient candidates, that the position and prospects of the Naval Schoolmaster class should be materially improved:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise the introduction of the following changes in the conditions of service of Naval Schoolmasters, to take effect from the first day of April 1904:—

(i) To establish the Commissioned Rank of Chief Schoolmaster, under the following regulations:—

Full Pay at the rate of eleven shillings a day.

Relative Rank with Chief Carpenter, according to the date of commission.

Retirement.—To be compulsorily retired at the age of fifty-five. Voluntary retirement to be allowed from the age of fifty at the discretion of the Admiralty. Officers to be retired at any time if found physically unfit for further service or in cases of such misconduct or neglect of duty as in the opinion of the Admiralty renders the Officers unfit for further service. Officers retired for misconduct or neglect of duty to be subject to the power vested in the Admiralty to award, in such cases, lower rates of pension than those earned by service.

Pensions.—On the same scale as that laid down for Head Schoolmasters, but with an additional sixpence a day for each year's service as Chief Schoolmaster, up to a maximum pension of one hundred and twenty pounds a year.

Widows' Pensions and Compassionate Allowances to Children.—On the following scale :—

Pension to Widow in ordinary circumstances, or if the Officer is Drowned or Killed on Duty.	Pension to Widow if the Officer is Killed in Action.	Compassionate Allowance to Children in ordinary circumstances, or if the Officer is Drowned or Killed on Duty.	Compassionate Allowance to Children if the Officer is Killed in Action.
£	£	£ s. d.	£
25	35	6 5 0	8

Number.—The maximum number of Chief Schoolmasters to be fixed at three; a corresponding reduction being made in the number of Naval Schoolmasters.

(ii) To increase the number of Head Schoolmasters by ten, a corresponding reduction being made in the number of Naval Schoolmasters.

(iii) To grant an instructional allowance of one shilling a day to the Chief or Head Schoolmaster of each Gunnery, Torpedo, or Navigation School.

(iv) Head Schoolmasters—Widows' Pensions and Compassionate Allowances to Children.

(*a*) To reduce the period of service in Warrant Rank necessary for the grant of a Widow's Pension from five years to one year.

(*b*) To establish the following revised scale of Widows' Pensions and Compassionate Allowances to Children :—

Pension to Widow in ordinary circumstances, or if the Officer is Drowned or Killed on Duty.	Pension to Widow if the Officer is Killed in Action.	Compassionate Allowance to Children in ordinary circumstances, or if the Officer is Drowned or Killed on Duty.	Compassionate Allowance to Children if the Officer is Killed in Action.
£	£	£	£ *s.* *d.*
20	20	5	6 5 0

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{3584.}{1904.}$

No. 66*. *7th March* 1904.

N.

GRANT OF HONORARY COMMISSIONS AS COMMANDER, LIEUTENANT, AND CHIEF ENGINEER, R.N.R.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the sixteenth day of May 1893, the issue of Honorary Commissions in the Royal Naval Reserve was restricted to the Accountant Branch of the Reserve.

And whereas we are of opinion that in the interests of the Royal Naval Reserve the power of granting Honorary Commissions in other Branches of the Reserve should be revived.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to grant Honorary Commissions in the Royal Naval Reserve as Commander, Lieutenant, or Chief Engineer to such gentlemen as, in our opinion, have rendered such exceptional service in promoting the interests of the Reserve as to merit recognition by the award of an Honorary Commission.

No. 67. *7th March* 1904.

N.

OFFICERS QUALIFYING AS INTERPRETERS—REGULATIONS AMENDED.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the Regulations which at present govern the study of Foreign Languages by Officers of Your Majesty's Naval Service, and the employment of Officers qualified as Interpreters in Foreign Languages:

And whereas we are of opinion that further steps should be taken to encourage the acquisition of a Knowledge of Foreign Language by Naval Officers:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to revise the Regulations as affecting Officers of both Your Majesty's Navy and Royal Marines in the following manner:—

1. The number of Officers allowed at our discretion to study abroad on full pay at any one time to be increased to twenty. Officers of the ranks specified in Clause 4 to be eligible for this privilege of residence abroad on full pay.

   The full pay to be granted without any condition as to subsequent qualification in the language, and the period for which it may be granted to count as "Service." No allowances in addition to full pay to be granted.

2. The period during which study abroad on full pay may be allowed to be regulated according to the language studied, as shown in the annexed Schedule.

3. Gratuities to be payable on qualification in the various languages specified according to the scale given in the Schedule, a distinction being drawn between Officers who qualify in the Higher Standard and those who qualify in the Lower Standard. The gratuities to be paid to Officers only after qualifying in the manner to be laid down in the Regulations.

4. All Officers of and below the actual or relative rank of Commander to be eligible for qualification and appointment as Interpreter (either Higher or Lower Standard). Officers of the rank of Captain to be eligible to qualify in the Lower Standard, but not for appointment as Interpreter.

5. The allowances of Officers appointed hereafter as Interpreter with the Higher or Lower Standard of qualification to be regulated according to language or qualification in the manner shown in the Schedule.

6. Officers on the list of Interpreters to re-qualify as we may direct, and prior to re-examination to be allowed at our discretion full pay during study abroad for a period not exceeding one month. The period for which full pay is thus granted to count as "Service," but no gratuity or other allowance to be payable in respect of such re-qualification.

7. Officers qualified for the instruction in Foreign Languages of Junior Officers on board Your Majesty's ships to receive five shillings for each lesson (of one hour's duration), the number of lessons for which payment is made to any individual instructor not to exceed four a week.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

SCHEDULE.

Language.	Duration of Residence Abroad.		Gratuity on qualifying.		Additional Pay whilst employed	
	For Higher Standard (Interpreter).	For Lower Standard.	For Higher Standard (Interpreter).	For Lower Standard.	As Interpreter Higher Standard.	As Acting Interpreter Lower Standard.
	Months	Months.	£	£	Per diem. s. d.	Per diem. s. d.
Japanese - -	12	6	200	100	2 6	1 0
Chinese - -						
Russian - - -	9	6	150	75	2 6	
German - -	6	4	70	35	2 0	
Dutch - -						
Modern Greek -						
French - -	4	3	50	25	1 6	
Italian - -						
Spanish - -						
Portuguese -						

N. $\frac{3573.}{1904.}$

No. 68. *7th March* 1904.

N.

RESERVE OF ACCOUNTANT OFFICERS ESTABLISHED AS A BRANCH OF THE R.N.R.—PAY, &c.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the seventh day of August 1894, provision was made for the entry and employment in Your Majesty's Fleet of Temporary Assistant Paymasters in time of War or Emergency.

And whereas we consider it desirable to extend the provisions of that Order in Council so as to establish a Reserve of Accountant Officers permanently as a branch of the Royal Naval Reserve.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the establishment of an Accountant Branch of the Royal Naval Reserve to consist of not more than 200 Assistant Paymasters, under the Regulations set forth in the subjoined Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

Assistant Paymasters, Royal Naval Reserve.

Entry and training.

Pending final qualification for a Commission, Officers to be designated Acting Assistant Paymasters, Royal Naval Reserve.

Candidates for provisional entry as Acting Assistant Paymaster to be selected principally from Gentlemen employed in Banks and in Accountant and Insurance Offices, under such rules, as to entry and training in evening classes and afloat as we may deem desirable, subject to the condition that the period of training of any one candidate afloat shall not exceed a month in any year. These arrangements for training to be extended to the Officers after obtaining their Commissions as may be found convenient.

Pay and allowances when under training.

Acting Assistant Paymasters and Assistant Paymasters to be repaid actual reasonable travelling expenses during attendance at evening classes, and on joining and returning from Ships, and while training afloat, to be allowed pay at the rate of Ten shillings a day.

Pay and allowances when called out for service.

Assistant Paymasters, Royal Naval Reserve, to receive an Equipment allowance of Thirty pounds, pay at the rate of Ten shillings a day, and to have the advantage of the

general regulations as to Charge Pay, Compensation for Injuries, Widows' Pensions, and Compassionate Allowances to children to be under the Regulations and on the scales applicable to Assistant Paymasters, Royal Navy, of six years' seniority.

Assistant Paymasters, Royal Naval Reserve, to rank with but after Assistant Paymasters, Royal Navy. **Relative rank.**

The age for compulsory retirement of Assistant Paymasters, Royal Naval Reserve, from the Active List to be 40. **Retirement.**

The age after which voluntary retirement may be allowed at our discretion to be 35. Officers who are physically unfit for service to be retired from the Active List at any age. Officers who leave the Active List for any reason before the completion of ten years' service to be under the liability of having to resign their commissions.

Assistant Paymasters, Royal Naval Reserve, placed on the Retired List, to be granted a step in rank at our discretion. **Retired rank.**

Except in time of emergency, Assistant Paymasters, Royal Naval Reserve, to be permitted to resign their Commissions at our discretion. Officers to be liable to forfeiture of their Commissions should we have no further need of their services or for misconduct or incompetence. **Removal from the List.**

We further beg leave to recommend that the provisions of Order in Council of the Twenty-fourth day of March 1902, authorising the entry of Temporary Assistant Paymasters in Emergency, may be repealed.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. 3570/1904.

No. 68*. *7th March* 1904.

N.

WAGES AND VICTUALS FOR THE FLEET, 1904–05.

His Majesty in Council was this day pleased to declare it necessary for His Majesty's Service that timely provision for Sea Victuals be made for—

106,147 Officers, Seamen, and Boys, including those in Shore Establishments.
11,570 Marines afloat, } including those in Shore
9,080 Marines on shore, } Establishments.
4,303 Coastguard on shore.

131,100 Total, to serve in His Majesty's Navy for 12 calendar months: And to that end His Majesty doth

hereby order that the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do prepare the Estimates of the Charges as well of the said Victuals as of the Wages of the said Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Boys, for the said 12 calendar months, commencing on the 1st day of April 1904, and ending the 31st day of March 1905, and present the same to His Majesty at this Board.

No. 69. *7th March* 1904.

N.

ENGINEER OFFICERS, R.N.R.—CHANGES IN RETIREMENT REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS by Orders in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the twenty-sixth day of June 1886, and the sixteenth day of May 1893, it is provided respectively that Engineers and Assistant Engineers of the Royal Naval Reserve shall be compulsorily retired at the age of fifty-five, and that Senior Engineers, Engineers and Assistant Engineers shall be eligible for a higher rank on retirement on account of age or physical unfitness.

And whereas we are of opinion that the age for the compulsory retirement of Senior Engineers, Engineers and Assistant Engineers, Royal Naval Reserve, should be reduced, and that Engineer Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve should be eligible for a higher rank on voluntary retirement after a certain period of service.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following changes in the retirement regulations for such officers:—

(i) That the age for compulsory retirement of Senior Engineers, Engineers and Assistant Engineers, Royal Naval Reserve, who are in future promoted to these ranks, shall be forty-five.

(ii) That Engineer Officers, Royal Naval Reserve, who have held commissions on the active list of the Reserve as Senior Engineer or Engineer for not less than ten years shall be granted at our discretion the rank of Chief Engineer on retirement.

(iii) That Engineer Officers, Royal Naval Reserve, who have held commissions on the active list of the Reserve as Senior Engineer or Engineer for over five years shall be granted at our discretion the rank of Senior Engineer on retirement.

(iv) That Engineer Officers, Royal Naval Reserve, who have held commissions on the active list of the Reserve as Engineer or Assistant Engineer for not less than five years shall be granted at our discretion the rank of Engineer on retirement.

N. $\frac{3574.}{1904.}$

No. 70. *7th March* 1904.

N.

STEP IN RANK ON THE RETIRED LIST FOR CERTAIN ACCOUNTANT AND ENGINEER OFFICERS.

WHEREAS by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the seventeenth day of February 1886 the ranks of Fleet Paymaster and Staff Paymaster were established for Officers of the Accountant Branch of Your Majesty's Naval Service, the rank of Fleet Paymaster to be held by Officers with 12 years' seniority as Staff Paymaster and Paymaster combined, and the rank of Staff Paymaster to be held by Officers with six years' seniority as Paymaster:

And whereas by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the ninth day of October 1903, Staff Paymaster may be promoted to Fleet Paymaster on attaining four years' seniority as Staff Paymaster, and Paymasters may be promoted to Staff Paymaster on attaining four years' seniority as Paymaster, such earlier advancement to be in every case at our discretion:

And whereas in neither of the aforesaid Orders in Council is there any specific authority for granting increased rank on the retired list to Officers retired from the ranks of Staff Paymaster and Paymaster respectively:

And whereas advancements on the retired list have been from time to time made as though the provisions of the Order in Council of the 17th February 1886 applied to retired Officers as well as to Officers on the active list:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us at our discretion to grant one step in rank to Staff Paymasters and Paymasters retired from those ranks for any cause except that of misconduct, such advancement to take effect from a date to be determined by us in each case, provided that the Officer does not thereby obtain improvement in rank sooner than he would have done if he had remained on the active list:

No. 70 *Admiralty Orders in Council.*

We would further beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to confirm the advancements which have already been made as above mentioned, and that this confirmation may be extended to the cases of Engineer Officers who have been similarly advanced to the rank of Fleet Engineer after retirement:

No additional expense is involved in these proposals.

N. $\frac{3567.}{1904.}$

No. 71. *7th March* 1904.

N.

ALLOWANCES, &c. TO WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF R.M.

WHEREAS under Your Majesty's Royal Warrant of the twenty-seventh day of March 1902, Your Majesty was pleased to approve of increased pay being granted under certain conditions as to efficiency for an extension of service beyond three years to all Non-Commissioned Officers and men of Your Majesty's Army from the first day of April 1904:

And whereas we consider that Your Majesty's Royal Marines should receive equivalent advantages, we beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals to take effect from the first day of April 1904:—

(1) An allowance of 2*d.* a day to be given to all Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Royal Marines who attain certain standards of efficiency to be fixed, at our discretion, in Field Training, Musketry, and Gunnery:

This allowance to commence when the standards of efficiency have been attained, but not sooner than eighteen months after enlistment unless previously embarked. If so embarked, payment to depend upon a certificate by the man's Commanding Officer that he has qualified in such courses as he may have undergone:

In the event of a failure to re-qualify in Musketry and Gunnery within three years (except for sufficient reason) the allowance to be forfeited:

(2) A further allowance of 1*d.* a day to be given to all Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers and men who obtain a 1st Class Certificate in Musketry as well as the other qualifications.

(3) Free rations of bread and meat to be given to all Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men serving on shore.

(4) Non-Commissioned Officers and men serving on shore who cannot draw the bread and meat ration in kind are to be paid an allowance of 6*d.* per diem:

Warrant Officers serving on shore to have the option of drawing the ration in kind or receiving the 6*d.* in lieu:

In the case of Non-Commissioned Officers and men serving on shore in a position which renders it desirable to grant the allowance in lieu, payment of 6*d.* per diem may be sanctioned, at our discretion:

An allowance of 2½*d.* a day to cover the cost of groceries and vegetables is to be payable to each Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer and man serving on shore for every day on which he draws pay, provided he has been under training for six months and has either completed his recruit infantry training or attained the age of 19, whichever occurs first:

(5) Non-Commissioned Officers to be eligible to receive Good Conduct Pay at existing Marine rates, viz., 1*d.* a day for each badge:

(6) Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers to be allowed to count time spent in Lance ratings towards pension, provided they are subsequently promoted to the substantive rank:

(7) All Musicians, Bandsmen and Buglers, Royal Marines, whether entered for service afloat or for Divisional Bands, to receive where applicable the advantages before mentioned, but a special standard of efficiency to be laid down in their case as a qualification for the allowances referred to in Sections (1) and (2).

(8) The rates of pay of a Paid Acting Bombardier, Musician, Gunner, and Bugler of the Royal Marine Artillery to be reduced by one farthing per day in the case of all recruits enlisted on and after the first day of April 1904.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{3568.}{1904.}$

No. 72 *Admiralty Orders in Council.*

No. 72. *7th March* 1904.
N.

RETIREMENT FOR NON-SERVICE OF ENGINEER OFFICERS.

Regulations Amended.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the existing regulations which govern the compulsory retirement for non-service of Officers of the Engineer Branch of Your Majesty's Fleet:

And whereas we are of opinion that, in view of the recent changes in the conditions of service of Engineer Officers, these regulations should now be revised:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following rules to regulate retirement for non-service in the case of all Engineer Officers in future promoted to the ranks mentioned.

Engineer Rear-Admirals.

To be retired so soon as three and a half years have elapsed since their last service in the rank, or if they have not thus served, upon the expiration of three and a half years from date of promotion or five years since their last service as Engineer Captain.

Engineer Captains, Engineer Commanders, and Engineer Lieutenants.

To be retired as soon as three years have elapsed since their last service in their existing rank, or, if they have not thus served, upon the expiration of three years from date of promotion.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. 3569/1904.

No. 72*. *28th March* 1904.
N.

WAGES AND VICTUALS FOR THE FLEET, 1904–5. ESTIMATE APPROVED.

THIS day the following Estimate from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty was presented and read to His Majesty at this Board:—

126,797	An Estimate of the charges of Wages and Victuals for One hundred and twenty-six thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven Officers, Men and Boys (including Twenty thousand six hundred and fifty Royal Marines, and Five thousand three hundred and sixty Boys for Training) to serve in His Majesty's Fleet; and
4,303	for Four thousand three hundred and three Officers and Men to be borne on the Books of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels, to be employed in His Majesty's Coast Guard Service on Shore for twelve Calendar Months, commencing on 1st April 1904.
131,100	

For the Wages of One hundred and thirty-one thousand one hundred Officers, Men and Boys - - -	£7,031,300
For the Victuals of Do. -	2,238,500
	£9,269,800

The whole charge amounts to Nine millions two hundred and sixty-nine thousand eight hundred pounds.

His Majesty, having taken the same into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the said Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do cause the same to be complied with accordingly.

No. 73.
A.G.

28th March 1904.

FLAG ALLOWANCE TO SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER OF FLAGSHIP OF THE HOME FLEET.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the duties which devolve upon the Senior Medical Officer of the Flag Ship of the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet:

And whereas the responsibilities of this Officer are fully equal to those of the corresponding Officer in the Channel Fleet, whose remuneration includes 5*s.* a day as "Flag Allowance."

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the issue of a Flag Allowance of 5*s.* a day to the Senior Medical Officer of the Flagship of the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet, payment to commence as from the 8th February 1904.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. 1249./1904.

No. 74.
N.

16th May 1904.

ALLOWANCE TO OFFICERS, PROMOTED FROM WARRANT RANK, JOINING A WARD ROOM MESS.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the Seventeenth day of May 1888 provision was made for the payment of an allowance of One Shilling and Sixpence a day to Warrant Officers serving in Gunboats or other small vessels when obliged to join the Ward Room Mess:

And whereas we are of opinion that this allowance should be granted also to Commissioned Officers promoted from Warrant rank under Your Majesty's Order in Council of 28th March 1903:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to

sanction the payment of an allowance of One Shilling and Sixpence a day to Commissioned Officers promoted from Warrant rank under the aforesaid Order in Council in all cases where it is desirable that they should join a Ward Room Mess.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. 6937. / 1904.

No. 75. 16*th May* 1904.

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PROMOTION OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICERS TO RANK OF LIEUTENANT, OR EQUIVALENT RANK, ON RETIREMENT AND FOR ACTS OF GALLANTRY.

WHEREAS by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing the date of the fifteenth day of September 1887 we were empowered to confer, at our discretion, the retired and honorary rank of Leiutenant on Chief Gunners and Chief Boatswains, when pensioned, and relative rank with Lieutenant on Chief Carpenters, when pensioned, provided that in every case an officer granted such honorary or relative rank should have served for three years as Chief Gunner, Chief Boatswain, or Chief Carpenter.

And whereas by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing the date of the sixth day of March 1896 the widows and children of Chief Gunners, Chief Boatswains and Chief Carpenters, retired with honorary or relative rank as above, are eligible for pensions and compassionate allowances as in the case of Junior Lieutenants of the Royal Navy.

And whereas by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the twenty-eighth day of March 1903 the new rank of Chief Artificer Engineer was established :

And whereas by a further Order in Council of the twenty-eighth day of March 1903 Your Majesty was graciously pleased to authorise us to promote Chief Gunners, Chief Boatswains, and Chief Signal Boatswains to be Lieutenants,

Chief Carpenters to be Carpenter Lieutenants, and Chief Artificer Engineers to be Engineer Lieutenants, on the active list of Your Majesty's Navy.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to confer, at our discretion, the rank of Lieutenant on Chief Gunners, Chief Boatswains, and Chief Signal Boatswains, when pensioned, the rank of Carpenter Lieutenant on Chief Carpenters, when pensioned, and the rank of Engineer Lieutenant on Chief Artificer Engineers when pensioned, provided that an officer granted such rank on retirement shall have served for three years on the active list of Your Majesty's Navy as Chief Gunner, Chief Boatswain, Chief Signal Boatswain, Chief Carpenter, or Chief Artificer Engineer. These officers, if re-employed after retirement, to receive the rates of pay and allowances of the rank last held by them on the active list. The pensions and compassionate allowances to the widows and children of these officers to be the same as in the case of Junior Lieutenants of the Royal Navy.

We further beg leave humbly to recommend that Chief Artificer Engineers and Artificer Engineers shall be eligible for promotion to the rank of Engineer Lieutenant for acts of gallantry or daring, if under the age of forty-five, in the same manner and under the same conditions as Chief Gunners and Gunners, Chief Boatswains and Boatswains, and Chief Carpenters and Carpenters can obtain promotion for such acts.

The regulations as to full and half pay and retirement for officers thus promoted to be the same as those already authorised by Your Majesty's Orders in Council dated the twenty-eighth day of March 1903, and the eleventh day of February 1904, for Engineer Lieutenants promoted from Chief Artificer Engineer, subject as regards retired pay to the following exceptions:—

(*a*) The rate for each year's service as Engineer Lieutenant to be Twelve pounds.

(*b*) The minimum, if retired at the age of fifty-five, to be Two hundred pounds.

(*c*) The maximum to be Two hundred and fifty pounds.

Any officer thus promoted, if subsequently advanced to the list of Engineer Lieutenants of eight years' seniority, to come under all the regulations for officers on that list, subject to the proviso that his retired pay shall not be less than the

amount he would have obtained under the foregoing clause if he had remained on the Junior List until his retirement.

Engineer Lieutenants promoted to that rank under these conditions to be included in the authorised numbers of Commissioned Engineer Officers.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{6938.}{1904.}$

No. 76. 16*th May* 1904.

A.G.

ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF DOMESTICS TO FLAG CAPTAIN, DEVONPORT.

WHEREAS we are of opinion that, in view of the conditions under which the Flag Captain at Devonport is employed, it is desirable that he should be granted an allowance of £125 a year in lieu of the Naval Domestics to whose services he is entitled.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment accordingly as from the 1st January 1904.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{1903.}{1904.}$

No. 76*. 16*th May* 1904.

A.G.

INCREASE OF PAY TO KEEPER AND STEWARD OF THE ROYAL CABINS IN H.M. YACHT.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the pay of the Keeper and Steward of the Royal Cabins in Your Majesty's Yacht "Victoria and Albert," which by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 19th January 1886 is fixed at 4*s.* 3*d.* a day on appointment, and 5*s.* a day at the expiration of four years' service in the rating:

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And whereas we are of opinion that, in view of the large augmentation to the duties of the post in Your Majesty's new yacht, some increase in the scale of pay allotted is desirable :

We beg humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction, as from 1st April 1904, the following rate of pay for the holder of this rating, viz. :—

4*s.* 6*d.* a day on appointment,
6*s.* 0*d.* „ after 4 years,
7*s.* 6*d.* „ „ 8 „

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 77. 23*rd June* 1904.
N.

MARINES QUALIFIED AS DIVERS.

Continuous Extra Pay.

WHEREAS under existing regulations Seamen in Your Majesty's Fleet who qualify as Divers are granted continuous extra pay at the rate of one penny a day, in addition to such special rates of pay as they may be entitled to when actually employed on diving work.

And whereas we are of opinion that Non-Commissioned Officers and men of Your Majesty's Royal Marines who qualify in diving work similarly should receive continuous extra pay.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment to Non-Commissioned Officers and men of Your Majesty's Royal Marines who qualify as Divers of continuous extra pay at the rate of one penny a day in addition to such special rates of pay as they may be entitled to when actually employed on diving work.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. 8338./1904.

No. 77*. *23rd June* 1904.

G.H.

CASHIER AND STORE OFFICER, ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL, GREENWICH—SALARY REVISED.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 20th of April 1880 it was directed that the officer who conducts the cash and store duties at the Royal Hospital School at Greenwich should receive a salary of £200 a year, with residence:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable that this salary should now be revised:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise the salary of the Cashier and Store Officer being increased after three years of service from £200 to £250 a year, and to authorise payment to the present holder of the appointment at the rate of £250 a year from the 9th day of May 1904 when he completed three years of service.

No. 78*. *23rd June* 1904.

N.L.

KING'S REGULATIONS—ADDENDA 1904.

WHEREAS it is necessary to effect certain alterations in the Regulations for the conduct of Your Majesty's Naval Service established under Orders in Council of Her late Majesty and under Your Majesty's Orders in Council of the ninth day of February 1901, the thirteenth day of May 1901, the eleventh day of August 1902, and the twenty-fifth day of June 1903:

We beg leave most humbly to present herewith for Your Majesty's gracious consideration and sanction, a copy of Addenda to the said Regulations, dated the thirty-first day of March 1904, which Addenda contain the alterations in question:

The assent of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury has been received from time to time to such alterations as required their concurrence, and the assent of Your Majesty in Council has already been given to such of the said alterations as required such special sanction.

No. 78.
O.

15th July 1904.

PENSIONS TO WIDOWS OF OFFICERS PROMOTED FROM WARRANT RANK.

Qualifying Service as Commissioned Officer dispensed with.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the twenty-eighth day of March one thousand nine hundred and three it was provided that Pensions to the Widows and Compassionate Allowances to the Children of Chief Gunners and Gunners, Chief Boatswains and Boatswains, Chief Signal Boatswains and Signal Boatswains, promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, Chief Artificer Engineers and Artificer Engineers promoted to the rank of Engineer Lieutenant, and Chief Carpenters and Carpenters promoted to the rank of Carpenter Lieutenant are to be at the same rate and under the same conditions as those granted in the case of Lieutenants of the Royal Navy:

And whereas it appears that Article 2196 of Your Majesty's Regulations, which requires that an Officer in ordinary circumstances shall have ten years' or at least five years' seniority as Commissioned Officer on the active list to render his widow eligible for a pension, is inapplicable to Officers so promoted to the ranks of Lieutenant, Engineer Lieutenant, and Carpenter Lieutenant:

We humbly beg to recommend that Your Majesty will be pleased to exempt these Officers from the application of this regulation, such exemption to take effect from the first day of April one thousand nine hundred and three.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

No. 79*.
N.

23rd June 1904.

SERVICE OF OFFICERS IN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION SHIPS "DISCOVERY" AND "MORNING."

WHEREAS we consider the services rendered by the Officers of Your Majesty's Navy on board the "Discovery" and the "Morning" during the recent Antarctic Expedition and the Relief Expedition respectively are such as to justify the time

served in the "Discovery" and "Morning" being treated as "Service in a ship of war at sea."

And whereas the terms of the Order in Council of Her late Majesty dated the nineteenth day of May 1899 on the subject of sea and harbour service of Officers of the Military Branch do not permit of the time so served by the officers in question being regarded as service in a ship of war at sea.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the time served by these Officers from the date of their departure from England to their return home being reckoned at our discretion as service in a ship of war at sea.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 79. 15*th July* 1904.

C.

PENSIONS AND COMPASSIONATE ALLOWANCES TO WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF COAST GUARD AND WARRANT OFFICERS.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the twenty-sixth day of July one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, a scale of Pensions was fixed for the Widows of Chief Officers, Senior Mates, and Second Mates of Coast Guard Cruisers.

And whereas we are of opinion that those rates should be revised and provision made for Compassionate Allowances to the Children of the said Chief Officers, and Senior and Second Mates.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following scale of Pensions to the Widows and Compassionate Allowances to the Children, viz. :—

	Ordinary.	Killed in Action, &c.	Drowned on Duty.
	£	£	£
Chief Officer Pension - -	50	80	65
Compassionate Allowances -	9–12	12–16	10–14
Senior Mate Pension - -	30	45	40
Compassionate Allowances -	5–8	8–10	6–8
Second Mate Pension - -	25	35	30
Compassionate Allowances -	Nil	8–10	6–8

the present right of Senior Mates' Widows to a pension of thirty-five pounds being restricted to the Widows of such Second Mates and Senior Mates as shall have married before the date of this Order.

We further beg leave humbly to recommend that these amendments may be made so far retrospective in their action as to include the case of the Widow and Children of the late Mr. Charles Culley, Chief Officer of Coast Guard Cruiser who was drowned when Your Majesty's Cutter "Active" foundered on the 13th November 1901.

We further beg leave humbly to recommend that special Pensions may be provided for the Widows of Divisional Chief Officers of Coast Guard and Chief Officers of Royal Naval Reserve Batteries at the rate of forty-five pounds if the Officer is killed in action, &c., or forty pounds if drowned on duty, and ordinary Compassionate Allowances of from five pounds to eight pounds to their children; and that clauses 3 and 4 of Article 2196 of Your Majesty's Regulations may be amended so as to provide that Widows of the Officers mentioned therein (including Coast Guard Officers) of less than one year's service, whose death is attributable to the Service, may be eligible for a special rate of Pension.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

No. 79A*. *15th July* 1904.
C.

PENSION FOR WOUND TO LIEUTENANT A. J. B. STIRLING, R.N.

YOUR MAJESTY having been graciously pleased by Your Order in Council of the twenty-third day of June 1904, to refer for our consideration and report a humble Memorial addressed to Your Majesty by Anselan John Buchanan Stirling, Lieutenant, Royal Navy, praying for the award of a pension on account of a wound sustained in action on the 19th June 1900, whilst serving with the Naval Brigade at Tientsin.

We, having taken the same into our careful consideration, beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to award this Officer a Pension of £40 (Forty Pounds) a year for Life, to commence from the fourteenth day of January 1902.

No. 80. *23rd June* 1904.

M.

LIMITS OF DOCKYARD PORT OF DOVER.

WHEREAS by the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, it is enacted that it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council from time to time, by Order in Council, to define the limits of a Dockyard Port for the purposes of that Act, and to make Regulations in relation to any Dockyard Port for all or any of the purposes in the said Act particularly mentioned, and for such other purposes as from time to time seem necessary, with a view to the proper protection of His Majesty's vessels, dockyards, or property, or to the requirements of His Majesty's Naval Service:

And whereas the Harbour of Dover is a "Dockyard Port" within the meaning of the said Act:

And whereas it appears expedient to the requirements of His Majesty's Naval Service that the limits of the Dockyard Port of Dover should be defined:

And whereas the provisions of Section one of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act or otherwise in Him vested, is pleased, on the recommendation of the Admiralty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

PRELIMINARY.

1. This Order shall take effect from the date hereof.

2. In this Order, and in the Schedule hereto, unless the context shall otherwise require, the terms "vessel," "master" and "Justice" shall have the same meaning as in the said Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, and the term "the Dockyard Port" shall mean the "Dockyard Port of Dover" as described in paragraph 3 hereof.

DOCKYARD PORT OF DOVER.

3. For the purposes of the said Act and of this Order, the limits of the Dockyard Port shall be as follows:—

All the waters, bays, and creeks so far as the tide flows lying between the lines drawn as follows:—

On the east by a line drawn south (true) through a point on the shore at high water mark situated four hundred yards N. 57° E. (true) from the root of the Eastern breakwater.

On the west by a line drawn south (true) through a point on the shore at high water mark situated four hundred yards S. 77° W. (true) from the root of the Admiralty Pier.

On the south by a line drawn east and west (true) through a point situated eight hundred and seventy yards south (true) from the flagstaff in Archcliffe Fort.

DELINEATION OF LIMITS.

The term "Admiralty Harbour" shall mean that portion of the Dockyard Port protected, or to be protected, by breakwaters, which lies to the eastward of the Prince of Wales Pier, and of a line drawn from the end of that pier to the western end of the detached breakwater. The term "the Commercial Harbour" shall mean that portion of the Dockyard Port which is enclosed by the inner parts of the Admiralty Pier, the spur from the Admiralty Pier, and the Prince of Wales Pier.

4. On the chart accompanying this Order are drawn all the limits of the Dockyard Port, the Admiralty Harbour, and the Commercial Harbour respectively.

5. The regulations contained in the Schedule hereto are hereby made, and shall have effect in relation to the Dockyard Port of Dover.

PENALTIES.

6. The master of every merchant or private vessel to which this Order relates shall observe, and cause to be observed, the said Regulations as far as relates to his vessel, and if any master or other person acts in any respect in contravention of any of the said Regulations, or fails to observe, and cause the same to be observed, he shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding the sum of Ten Pounds (£10).

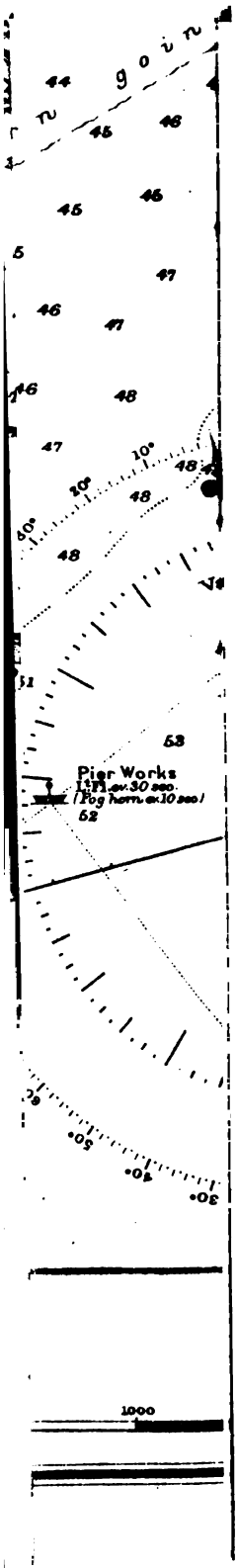
LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

7. Nothing in this Order shall affect the authority of the Harbour Board for Dover under the Acts of Parliament relating to them.

SCHEDULE.

GENERAL.

1. The Admiralty Harbour shall, subject to the provisions of Clause 3 of this Schedule, be for the exclusive use of His Majesty's Ships, and no merchant nor other private vessel shall, without licence in writing from the Senior Naval Officer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or the King's Harbour Master, anchor or lie in it, nor be moored or fastened to any of the Forts, or to any Government moorings, buoys, breakwaters, jetties, piles, or vessels in the Dockyard Port.

2. The berths alongside the Admiralty Pier Extension eastward of the position of the old head of that Pier are to be cleared whenever required for His Majesty's Service.

3. A fairway will be kept through the Admiralty Harbour for vessels passing between the eastern entrance of the Admiralty Harbour and the Commercial Harbour.

4. Moorings for His Majesty's ships, mark buoys, and other aids to navigation, and such other buoys as may be required for any purpose in connection with naval or military operations, may be placed by the King's Harbour Master in such positions as he may from time to time consider the requirements of His Majesty's Service demand.

5. No person shall lay moorings for private vessels in the Dockyard Port, without the permission, in writing, of the King's Harbour Master, and all such moorings shall be in such positions as the King's Harbour Master shall deem fit, and shall be forthwith removed on the requisition of the King's Harbour Master to that effect.

6. If at any time the anchor of any merchant or other private vessel hooks any Government moorings, or any electric cables, or moorings of buoys, the master or other person having the charge or command of such vessel shall not proceed to unhook the same, but shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Senior Naval Officer or to the King's Harbour Master, in order that aid may be given for clearing such moorings or cables without doing damage to the same.

7. No merchant or other private vessel shall make fast to, or lie at, any of the buoys marking the channels or shoals in the Dockyard Port.

8. No merchant or other private vessel shall anchor on the lines of any electric cable laid down in the Dockyard Port when such line is indicated by whitewashed posts or other discernible marks erected on shore, and a warning has been conveyed to mariners by notice issued by the Admiralty and published in the "London Gazette."

9. No ballast, stones, sand, earth, clay, refuse, ashes, rubbish, dust, filth of any description, nor refuse from any quarry, mine or pit, nor any other material whatsoever, shall be unladen, cast, nor allowed to fall into the waters of the Dockyard Port.

No. 80*. *23rd June* 1904.
N.

SPECIAL PROMOTION OF ADMIRAL LORD WALTER TALBOT KERR, G.C.B., TO ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the eighth day of December 1903 the number of Admirals of the Fleet the Active List is limited to three:

And whereas we are of opinion that the services rendered by Admiral the Right Honourable Lord Walter Talbot Kerr, G.C.B., during the fifty years of his Naval career have been of great value to the Navy and the Nation and merit Your Majesty's most favourable consideration:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction his special promotion to the rank of Admiral of the Fleet, notwithstanding the restriction contained in the above-mentioned Order in Council, such promotion to date from 16th June 1904 and to be additional to the authorised numbers.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 81. *10th August* 1904.
N.L.

BOARD OF ADMIRALTY—DESIGNATIONS OF MEMBERS AND SECRETARIES AND DEFINITION OF BUSINESS ASSIGNED TO THEM.

WHEREAS the constitution and business of the Board of Admiralty are set forth in the Orders in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 19th day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and the tenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two:

And whereas we consider it desirable that the above Orders in Council shall be rescinded, and that the designations of the various Members of and Secretaries to the Board,

and the definition of the business to be assigned to them, shall be set forth herein, namely—

I. The Members of the Board shall be—
The First Lord of the Admiralty,
The First Sea Lord,
The Second Sea Lord,
The Third Sea Lord and Controller,
The Fourth Sea Lord,
The Civil Lord.

II. There shall be two Secretaries to be called—
The Parliamentary and Financial Secretary,
The Permanent Secretary.

III. The First Lord shall be responsible to Your Majesty and to Parliament for all the business of the Admiralty, the business to be transacted as follows:—

(A) The First Sea Lord, the Second Sea Lord, and the Fourth Sea Lord to be responsible to the First Lord of the Admiralty for the administration of so much of the general business connected with Your Majesty's Navy, and with the movement and condition of Your Majesty's Fleet and with the "Personnel" of that Fleet, as shall be assigned to them or each of them, from time to time, by the First Lord.

(B) The Third Sea Lord and Controller to be responsible to the First Lord for the administration of so much of the business relating to the "Matériel" of Your Majesty's Navy as shall from time to time be assigned to him by the First Lord.

(C) The Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to be responsible to the First Lord for the Finance of the Department and for so much of the other business of the Admiralty as shall from time to time be assigned to him by the First Lord.

(D) The Civil Lord and the Permanent Secretary to have such duties as shall from time to time be assigned to them by the First Lord.

We beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction this proposal.

N.L. $\frac{10376.}{1904.}$

No. 82. 10*th August* 1904.
N.L.

PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE ADMIRALTY—SALARY, &c.

WHEREAS we have this day submitted a Memorial to Your Majesty praying that the Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 10th March 1882 respecting the Constitution of the Board of Admiralty shall be rescinded, and that another Order in Council may be substituted for it.

And whereas in the said Order in Council of the 10th March 1882, provision was made for the emoluments of the Permanent Secretary of the Admiralty.

We beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the receipt by the Permanent Secretary of the same salary and allowance as heretofore, namely, a salary of £1,800 a year and a house, or an allowance of £200 a year in lieu of a house.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.L. 10,375./1904.

No. 83. 10*th August* 1904.
N.

COMBINED SERVICE AS CHIEF STOKER AND MECHANICIAN TO COUNT FOR INCREASE OF PAY.

WHEREAS Your Majesty, by Your Order in Council of the twenty-eighth day of March 1903, was graciously pleased to sanction the establishment of the rating of Mechanician under the same regulations as regards pay as the rating of Chief Stoker.

And whereas we are of opinion that, in view of the similarity of these ratings as regards pay, combined service as Chief Stoker and Mechanician should be allowed to count towards increase of pay in either rating.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of the Regulations governing the pay of these ratings being altered accordingly, the alteration to take effect as from

the 1st day of April 1903, the date on which the rating of Mechanician was established.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{10373.}{1904.}$

No. 84.
N.

BOATSWAINS PERFORMING DUTIES OF A GUNNER OR GUNNER (T.).

Reduced Allowance to those qualified in the Second Class in Gunnery or Torpedo.

WHEREAS Your Majesty, by Your Order in Council of the 7th day of March 1904, was graciously pleased to approve of the payment of an allowance of 1*s.* a day to Boatswains who have qualified in Gunnery or Torpedo while employed on the duties of a Gunner or Gunner (T.) respectively in a temporary vacancy when an Officer of one of these ranks is not borne.

And whereas the arrangements for Boatswains thus to qualify result in the Officers being formed into two classes according to the standard of proficiency attained, and we consider it desirable that a Boatswain who has been placed in the lower or Second class should be paid an allowance of 8*d.* a day only when employed on the duties of a Gunner or Gunner (T.).

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of the payment of an allowance of 8*d.* a day to Boatswains who have qualified in the Second class in Gunnery or Torpedo while employed on the duties of a Gunner or Gunner (T.) respectively in a temporary vacancy when an Officer of one of these ranks is not borne.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{10371.}{1904.}$

No. 85.
N.

10th August 1904.

COAST GUARD STATION SIGNALMEN—ALLOWANCE.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the Allowances payable to Signalmen in Your Majesty's Coast Guard Service.

And whereas we consider it desirable that such Allowances should be independent of any advancement to the substantive rating of Commissioned Boatman.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise the payment to Station Signalmen of an Allowance at the rate of 2*d.* a day, capable of being received together with the pay of Boatman or Commissioned Boatman.

We further beg leave to recommend that such Allowance should be retained only so long as the duties of Station Signalman are actually performed, but should not be payable concurrently with any special allowance for duty at a Wireless Telegraph Station.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. 10374.
1904.

No. 85*.
N.

10th August 1904.

SPECIAL PROMOTION ON THE RETIRED LIST OF HENRY A. T. CUMMINS, ESQUIRE, PAYMASTER OF CONTINGENCIES.

WHEREAS we are of opinion that in view of his long and meritorious service as Paymaster of Contingencies in the Admiralty, Henry Ashley Travers Cummins, Esquire, Assistant Paymaster on the Retired List of Your Majesty's Navy, should receive a step in rank:

And whereas this Officer has been granted an increase of Retired Pay based on certain service, as if a portion of that service had been on the list of Paymasters:

And whereas this Officer's case is not governed by any existing Regulations for advancement in rank:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the special advancement of Assistant Paymaster Henry Ashley Travers Cummins to the rank of Paymaster on the Retired List, to take effect from the seventh day of January 1882.

No. 86. *10th August* 1904.

N.

MARINES TO BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD CERTAIN GUNNERY RATINGS—ALLOWANCES.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 16th day of November 1903, various changes were approved in the classification and pay of Non-Substantive Gunnery Ratings held by Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Royal Marines:

And whereas we consider it desirable to utilise to a further extent the services of Marines in meeting the demand for Gunnery Ratings for Your Majesty's Fleet:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Royal Marines being considered as eligible to hold the Non-Substantive Gunnery Ratings of Turret Gun Layer and Turret Sight Setter under the following regulations:—

(1) The allowances for the Non-Substantive Ratings to be as follows:—

Turret Gun Layer - - -	8*d.* a day.
Turret Sight Setter - -	6*d.* ,,

(2) Non-Commissioned Officers and men holding these ratings to receive continuous payment of the allowances, whether performing the duties or not, so long as they remain efficient and available for sea service, and in the case of the Royal Marine Light Infantry the allowances to be drawn in addition to that of 1*d.* a day as "Trained Man."

(3) These allowances to be payable also in addition to pay as Gunnery Instructor when the men concerned hold that rating and the duty thereof is being actually performed by them.

We further beg leave to recommend that Marine Gunnery Instructors while employed as such at Marine Establishments on shore shall receive the same allowance as that payable for the same duty afloat, viz., 6*d.* a day instead of 4*d.* as at present.

No. 86 *Admiralty Orders in Council.*

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{10370.}{1904.}$

No. 87. 10*th August* 1904.

V.

ALLOWANCES TO MESS STEWARDS FOR CARE OF MESS TRAPS.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the scales of allowances to Mess Stewards in Your Majesty's Navy, for the care of the Mess Traps supplied to Ward Room, Gun Room, and Warrant Officers' Messes, as laid down in Appendix VI., Part II., of the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service:

And whereas we are of opinion that, in view of the number of Officers now borne in Your Majesty's Naval Barracks and other Depôts at Home Ports, and of the consequent increase in the value of the Mess Traps in the charge of the Mess Stewards at those Establishments, it is desirable that these Scales of Allowances should be revised and extended:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve the adoption, from the first day of October 1904, of a revised scale of Allowances for the care of Mess Traps, which shall be common to the Mess Stewards of the Ward Room, Gun Room, and Warrant Officers' Messes in Your Majesty's Navy, as follows:—

When the value of the Mess Traps supplied is—

£		£		
Under		10	Nil.	
£			*d.*	
10	and under	25	1	per diem.
25	,,	50	2	,,
50	,,	75	3	,,
75	,,	100	4	,,
100	,,	150	5	,,
150	,,	200	6	,,
200	,,	250	7	,,
250	,,	300	8	,,
300	,,	400	9	,,
400	,,	500	10	,,
500	,,	600	11	,,
			s.	
600 and over			1	,,

Mess Stewards now in receipt of Allowances under present scales not to be adversely affected by the adoption of the revised scale so long as they hold their present appointments.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 88. *24th October* 1904.

N.L.

AMENDED REGULATIONS FOR THE DOCKYARD PORT OF PLYMOUTH.

WHEREAS by the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, it is enacted that it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council from time to time, by Order in Council, to define the limits of a Dockyard Port for the purposes of that Act, and to make Regulations for all or any of the purposes in the said Act particularly mentioned, and for such other purposes as from time to time seem necessary, with a view to the proper protection of His Majesty's vessels, dockyards, or property, or to the requirements of His Majesty's Naval Service:

And whereas by the same Act it is also enacted that in relation to any Dockyard Port, it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council from time to time, by Order in Council, on the joint recommendation of the Admiralty and the Board of Trade, to make rules concerning the Lights or Signals to be carried or used, and the steps for avoiding collisions to be taken by His Majesty's vessels, and other vessels navigating the waters of the Port, and of the approaches thereto:

And whereas in pursuance of the said Act, certain Regulations and Rules were made by Orders in Council, dated the 29th day of February 1868, the 19th day of May 1885, the 15th day of August 1890, the 26th day of August 1893, the 12th day of December 1894, the 8th day of February 1896, and the 18th day of May 1897, with reference to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth:

And whereas it appears expedient that such Regulations and Rules should be amended:

And whereas the provisions of Section one of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act or otherwise in Him vested, is pleased, on the joint recommendation of the Admiralty and

the Board of Trade, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

PRELIMINARY.

1. This Order shall take effect from the date hereof.

2. On this Order taking effect all previous Orders, relative to the matters comprised in this Order, shall cease to operate, and in lieu thereof the Regulations and Rules set forth in the First and Second Schedules to this Order are hereby made and shall have effect in relation to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth.

3. The terms used in this Order shall have the same meaning as in the said Dockyard Ports Regulation Act.

DOCKYARD PORT OF PLYMOUTH.

4. For the purposes of the said Act and of this Order the limits of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth shall be as follows :—

The waters of Plymouth Sound and Hamoaze, including all the bays, creeks, lakes, pools, and rivers as far as the tide flows, within or to the northward of a straight line drawn across the entrance of Plymouth Sound from Penlee Point on the west to Shagstone on the east.

DELINEATION OF LIMITS.

5. On the chart accompanying this Order are marked all the limits referred to therein.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Regulations for the protection of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth and of His Majesty's property therein, and for Anchoring, Berthing, Mooring, and Breaming in that Port.

Limits of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth.

1. The Dockyard Port of Plymouth shall be the waters of Plymouth Sound and Hamoaze, including all the bays, creeks, lakes, pools, and rivers as far as the tide flows, within or to the northward of a straight line drawn across the entrance of Plymouth Sound, from Penlee Point on the west to the Shagstone on the east.

Limits of Plymouth Sound.

2. Plymouth Sound shall be considered to be all that portion of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth lying to the southward and eastward of a straight line joining Devil's Point and Wilderness Point at the entrance of Hamoaze, southward of a straight line joining the heads of the two outermost piers at the entrance of Mill Bay, and southward and westward of a straight line joining Fisher's Nose and the outermost extremity of Mount Batten breakwater, at the entrance of Cattewater.

Limits of Harbour of Hamoaze.

3. The Harbour of Hamoaze shall be deemed to be that portion of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth lying within a straight line drawn from Devil's Point to Wilderness Point.

GENERAL.

4. Moorings for His Majesty's Ships, mark buoys, and other aids to navigation, and such other buoys as may be required for any purpose in connection with Naval or Military operations, shall be placed by the King's Harbour Master as, from time to time, the requirements of His Majesty's Service may demand.

5. Moorings for private vessels may be laid with the permission, in writing, of the King's Harbour Master, and in such positions as he shall deem fit, but such moorings shall be forthwith removed on the requisition of the King's Harbour Master to that effect.

6. If at any time the anchor of any merchant or other private vessel hooks any Government moorings, or any electric cables, or moorings of buoys, the master or other person having the charge or command of such vessel shall not proceed to unhook the same, but shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Admiral Superintendent or the King's Harbour Master, in order that aid may be given for clearing such moorings or cables without doing damage to the same.

7. No merchant or other private vessel or boat shall make fast to, or lie at, any of the buoys marking the channels or shoals in the Dockyard Port.

8. No merchant nor other private vessel or boat shall, without license in writing from the Port Admiral, Admiral Superintendent, or King's Harbour Master, be moored or fastened to any of the forts, nor to any Government moorings, buoys, piles, or vessels in the Dockyard Port.

9. No merchant nor other private vessel of above five tons, compelled or allowed to anchor in or near any of the navigable channels of the Dockyard Port, shall be left at any time without a shipkeeper.

10. No fishing from boats shall be carried on within one hundred feet of His Majesty's Dockyards or other Government Establishments.

11. No ballast, stones, sand, earth, clay, refuse, ashes, rubbish, dust, filth of any description, nor refuse from any quarry, mine or pit, nor any other material, shall be unladen, cast, nor allowed to fall into the waters of the Dockyard Port, nor upon the banks or any portion of the shore of the said Dockyard Port where the same may be liable to be washed into the waters of the said Dockyard Port by rain, tide, or otherwise; nor into, nor upon the shores of any rivers or streams discharging into the said Dockyard Port, where the same may be liable to be washed into the said rivers or streams by rain, flood, or otherwise.

12. The steam syren shall not be used within the limits of Hamoaze except to prevent collision, or in case of fog.

13. No firearm nor air-gun shall be discharged from any boat or ship nor from the shore over the water within the limits of Hamoaze navigable for ships, from its southern limit to an imaginary line drawn from Neil to Warleigh Points in the River Tamar and to abreast of Antony Ferry in the River St. Germans, nor in the shallow waters of St. Johns, Sango or Milbrook Lakes, outside an imaginary line joining Trevol and Palmer Points, nor in Weston Mill Lake outside the Cornwall Railway Viaduct, nor within two hundred yards of any ship or vessel in the remainder of the Dockyard Port, excepting always such discharge of firearms as may be necessary by His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces and the Metropolitan Police employed within the limits of the said Port, for drill or practice, and for the protection of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels, and the Naval and Military Magazines and Establishments.

14. No ship's gun on board any merchant or other private vessel shall be kept loaded, nor discharged, except as a signal of distress.

15. Whenever it may be necessary for mining or gunnery operations or experiments, dredging operations, or other Naval or Military purposes, to reserve any area for such operations or purposes, the area will be marked by buoys coloured green and white, or by posts coloured red; and after twenty-one days' warning notice has been issued by the

Admiralty, and published in the "London Gazette," no vessel shall anchor within, or pass through, the area so marked, unless compelled to do so by stress of weather, or to avoid accident; nor when such area is uncovered, or nearly uncovered, at low water, shall any person pass through it or remain in it, unless by permission of, and under such arrangements as may be from time to time made by the Officer in charge of such operations.

16. No vessel shall anchor on the line of any electric cable laid down in the Dockyard Port, when such line is indicated by whitewashed posts, or other discernible marks erected on shore, and a warning has been conveyed to mariners by notice issued by the Admiralty and published in the "London Gazette."

Anchorage Regulations.

General.

17. All merchant or other private vessels shall be subject to the direction of the King's Harbour Master.

Plymouth Sound.

18. The outer anchorage in Plymouth Sound within and near the breakwater shall be for the exclusive use of His Majesty's ships and vessels of war.

19. Anchorage in Plymouth Sound, within a space to be called the Merchant Vessels' Anchorage, is reserved specially for merchant and other private vessels, and is bounded by the following straight lines, namely:—

To the southward by a line drawn from Ram's Cliff Point towards the west, indicated by two white masonry beacons on Ram's Cliff Point:

To the northward by a line drawn from Mount Edgcumbe House, through the Canteen on Drake's Island, to the eastern shore of Plymouth Sound:

To the westward by a line drawn from the east end of Windsor Terrace, in the town of Plymouth, to the Smeaton's Tower on the Hoe, and continuing through the whitewashed diamond seamark on the rocks to the before-mentioned line drawn from Ram's Cliff Point, which anchorage is delineated on the chart annexed to this Order.

20. Merchant or other private vessels may anchor only either in the Merchant Vessels' Anchorage, or in such positions out of the fairways, and other than those enumerated in Clause 21 of this Schedule, as may from time to time be permitted by the King's Harbour Master.

21. No merchant or other private vessel shall be anchored, moored, or placed in either the Eastern or Western entrances to the Sound, nor in any part of the fairway on the west side of the Merchant Vessels' Anchorage, nor in the Smeaton Pass, nor in the Asia Pass eastward of a straight line drawn from the Melampus buoy to a position one cable south-west of the Asia buoy, nor in any part of the fairway from the Asia and Smeaton Passes to the entrance of Hamoaze, nor northward of Drake's Island within fifty fathoms of the centre of any moorings for the use of His Majesty's ships and vessels, nor in Barn Pool.

Hamoaze.

22. No merchant nor other private vessel shall be anchored or moored in the fairway between the Government moorings in the Harbour of Hamoaze so as to swing within seventy-five fathoms from the centre of any of those moorings, nor in such a position as to be liable to foul any of His Majesty's ships at those moorings or elsewhere, nor in front nor abreast of any of His Majesty's Dockyards or Arsenals, nor of His Majesty's gunwharf, unless consigned thereto, and permission is granted by the King's Harbour Master, or forced thereto by unavoidable accident.

23. No merchant nor other private vessel shall be made fast to, nor be moored, nor secured by, any of the moorings, anchors, or chains belonging to His Majesty, to which access can be had when the tide is out, nor be anchored nor moored so as to swing within seventy-five fathoms of any buoys or piles belonging to His Majesty, nor in such a manner as to prevent access to His Majesty's docks, wharves, arsenals, gunwharf, or victualling yard.

24. No merchant nor other private vessel shall be anchored or moored in any place within the harbour of Hamoaze, except on the eastern side of Stonehouse Pool, to the eastward of a straight line drawn between the end of the west pier of the Royal William Victualling Yard basin and the south extreme of the Stonehouse Pool Improvement Company's wharves, and a channel for boats and barges shall be kept clear from Hamoaze to the Admiral's Hard, and up Stonehouse Lake to the Royal Naval and Military Hospitals above Stonehouse Bridge.

25. No merchant nor other private vessel shall be anchored, moored, or placed nearer any of the wharves of the Royal William Victualling Yard than sixty fathoms, nor within the line of mooring buoys as laid down at the date of this Order or at any time thereafter, nor nearer than fifty fathoms to any Government moorings off the said Victualling Yard.

26. Nothing, however, in the foregoing provisions shall be deemed to exclude such vessels as require admission to the wharves, docks, and other establishments at Mutton Cove, North Corner, New Passage, and elsewhere, for loading and unloading cargoes, and all such vessels shall continue to enjoy their accustomed privileges in this respect as fully as if this Order had not been made, provided that such vessels do not impede nor interfere with the navigation of His Majesty's vessels.

Cattewater.

27. All fore and aft rigged merchant or other private vessels taking shelter in Cattewater, and drawing less than eleven feet of water, shall anchor either on the flat on Clovelly Bay or above Turnchapel Point, and shall place buoys on their anchors, and moor with a kedge, and rig in their jib-booms.

28. Merchant and other private vessels, if drawing eleven feet of water or upwards, and less than sixteen feet, shall moor on the flat between Turnchapel Point and Mount Batten; if drawing sixteen feet of water or upwards, shall moor in tiers below and above Turnchapel Point, with their stern cables made fast to the shore, and their jib-booms rigged in, yards topped, and spritsail yards fore and aft.

29. An open channel of not less than fifty fathoms in width, on the north side of the Harbour, shall be kept clear for the navigation of vessels from the entrance of Cattewater up towards the Bear's Head and Turnchapel Point, and as far as His Majesty's breakwater establishment at Oreston, and no merchant nor other private vessel shall anchor in or obstruct this channel.

30. No vessel shall anchor in Deadman's Bay on the north side of the Cattewater.

31. Fishing vessels and other small craft bringing up in Cattewater shall moor only within the limits prescribed in Clauses 27 and 28 and clear of the channel; and with an anchor and kedge; and they shall lower all sails and rig in their bowsprits.

32. The limits of Cattewater for the anchoring and placing of vessels should be marked out as follows :—

To the eastward of a straight line from Fisher's Nose to the outermost extremity of Mount Batten breakwater.

To the southward of another such line from Fisher's Nose to Queen Anne's Battery.

Rules for Prevention of Fire.

33. No vessel nor boat of any description, when passing the powder magazine at Bull Point, or any of the powder ships (painted red), shall pass inside the red buoys off Bull Point, nor between the powder ships and the red buoys placed to guard them.

34. No merchant nor other private vessel shall be breamed in any part of the Harbour of Hamoaze, except on the shore of Stonehouse Pool, or at Waterman's boatbuilding yard at Cremill.

35. Within the distance of two hundred yards from any of His Majesty's vessels, or of any hired vessel in His Majesty's service, or of any of His Majesty's docks, dockyards, arsenals, powder magazines, or wharves—

(*a*) No pitch, tar, resin, turpentine, grease, tallow, oil, nor other combustible matter, shall be boiled or heated on board of any merchant or other private vessel;

(*b*) No fire shall be kept on board any merchant or other private vessel in Hamoaze, except in steam vessels' furnaces, between eleven o'clock in the evening and five o'clock in the morning from the 1st October to the 31st March inclusive, nor between eleven o'clock in the evening and four o'clock in the morning between the 1st April and the 30th September inclusive.

Penalties.

36. The master of every merchant or other private vessel to which this Order relates shall observe and cause to be observed the provisions of this Order as far as it relates to his vessel, and if any master or other person acts in any respect in contravention of any of the provisions of this Order, or fails to observe or cause to be observed in any respect any of those provisions, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

Local Authorities.

37. Nothing in this Order shall affect the authority of the Pier Master at Mill Bay Pier, nor of the Dock Master of the Great Western Docks, nor of the Cattewater Commissioners, nor of the Sutton Pool Commissioners, under the respective Acts of Parliament relative thereto, but the regulations prescribed by this Order shall be observed in the areas under the management of the above-mentioned authorities so far as they relate to those areas.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Rules concerning lights and signals to be used, and the steps to be taken for avoiding collisions in the Dockyard Port of Plymouth, and the approaches thereto :—

Limits of Dockyard Port of Plymouth.

1. The Dockyard Port of Plymouth shall be the waters of Plymouth Sound and Hamoaze, including all the bays, creeks, lakes, pools, and rivers, as far as the tide flows, within or to the northward of a straight line drawn across the entrance of Plymouth Sound, from Penlee Point on the west to the Shagstone on the east.

Limits of Plymouth Sound.

2. Plymouth Sound shall be considered to be all that portion of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth lying to the southward and eastward of a straight line joining Devil's Point and Wilderness Point, at the entrance of Hamoaze; southward of a straight line joining the heads of the two outermost piers at the entrance of Mill Bay; and southward and westward of a straight line joining Fisher's Nose and the outermost extremity of Mount Batten breakwater, at the entrance of Cattewater.

Narrow Waters of Plymouth Sound.

3. The narrow waters of Plymouth Sound shall be considered to be all that portion of Plymouth Sound lying north and west of a straight line drawn from Picklecombe Fort to Mount Batten Tower.

Observance of "Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea."

4. All sea-going vessels, when within the limits of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth, shall carry such lights as are prescribed by the "Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea" made from time to time under the Merchant Shipping Act; and all vessels of every description shall also observe the steering and sailing rules set forth in such Regulations, except in so far as they are affected by the Regulations hereinafter contained.

Lights for Small Steam Craft.

5. Steam launches and other small craft propelled by steam or other mechanical power, of a length over all of or exceeding 35 feet, shall, between sunset and sunrise, when within the limits of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth, carry the lights prescribed for sea-going steamships, in the above-mentioned Regulations; or shall, when under way, in lieu of the coloured side lights, carry a single lantern amidships, with a green glass on the one side and a red glass on the other side; such lantern to be not less than two feet above the hull, and so constructed and placed that the green light shall show from right ahead to two points abaft the starboard beam; and the red light from right ahead to two points abaft the port beam, without being obscured by other objects in the vessel. The bright light is to be in the middle line of the craft, and not less than two feet above the coloured light or lights, and may, when there is no foremast, be carried on a pole, or otherwise, at the forepart of the vessel; and at a height above the hull not less than the breadth of the vessel. These lights are to be of such a character that on a dark night, with a clear atmosphere, the coloured lights shall be visible at least one mile and the bright light at least two miles.

6. Steam launches, and all other boats propelled by steam or other mechanical power, of a length over all of less than 35 feet, when under way between sunset and sunrise within the limits of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth, shall not be obliged to carry the white light, but shall carry the coloured side lights prescribed in the "Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea," or in lieu thereof the single lantern amidships, with parti-coloured glass, as set forth in the foregoing paragraph.

Ships exempted from carrying Anchor Lights.

7. Coal and other hulks moored head and stern in Hamoaze, ships without shipkeepers lying to the northward of the steam ferry at Torpoint, coal lighters moored out of the fairway to the southward of the steam ferry at Torpoint, and Dockyard lumps and lighters moored off the Dockyard wall between Mutton Cove and the south end of No. 1 Jetty, need not carry anchor lights.

Lights for Boats at Anchor.

8. Small fishing boats, and all other boats of every description at anchor in any part of Plymouth Sound at night, shall exhibit a white light, visible all round at a distance of at least one mile.

Lights for Boats under way.

9. Small fishing boats, and all other boats, sailing or rowing, in any part of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth at night, shall have ready at hand a white light, and shall exhibit the same on approaching, or being approached by, any vessel or boat under way.

Vessels to keep clear of His Majesty's Ships.

10. When any of His Majesty's ships, or other vessel in charge of His Majesty's Officers, about to pass between Hamoaze and the Sound, hoists the Union Jack at the foremast head, all other of His Majesty's Ships present in the port shall hoist the Pilot Jack as a general warning, and the Pilot Jack will also be hoisted on the flagstaff at Mount Wise for the same purpose; and all other vessels, craft and boats, of every description, under way in Hamoaze or in the narrow waters of the Sound, shall keep out of the way of the said ship flying the Union Jack, provided always that the said ship shall be navigated with due care and at a moderate speed, and that she shall, so far as is practicable, be kept on the side of the fairway which lies on her own starboard side.

11. When any of His Majesty's ships are about to enter or leave any of the docks, basins, jetties, &c. at His Majesty's Dockyard at Devonport, the Pilot Jack will be hoisted at the yardarm of the flagstaff at the North or South Yard, according to the yard at which the movement may be taking place, and while this flag is hoisted all merchant and other private steam vessels and all small craft propelled by steam or other mechanical power, when navigating along the Eastern shore

in Hamoaze, shall keep out of the way of the ship which is being moved and also of the tugs which may be in attendance on her.

12. Merchant and other private steam vessels, and small craft propelled by steam or other mechanical power, when navigating along the western shore in Hamoaze, between Petre and Carew Points, shall keep outside, or to the eastward of, the Battleships and Admiralty moorings in that locality.

13. Merchant and other private steam vessels navigating along the eastern shore in Hamoaze shall keep outside, or to the southward and westward of, the moorings for timber ships and lumps between Mutton Cove and the south end of No. 1 jetty.

Regulations for Sailing and Small Craft to keep clear of Steamers.

14. When any sea-going steamship, steam vessel towing, steam dredger, or steam hopper, within the limits of the Dockyard Port, shall, by reason of the crowded nature of the channel or anchorage, or from other cause, find it unsafe or impracticable to keep out of the way of a sailing vessel, or of a boat under oars or sail or steam, or other mechanical power, she shall signify the same to the sailing vessel or boat by four short blasts of the steam whistle, blown in rapid succession, when the sailing vessel or boat shall keep out of the way of the steam vessel, provided always that the steam vessel shall be navigated with due care and at a moderate speed.

Sound Signals for Vessels in sight of one another.

15. Whenever steam vessels or steam boats within the limits of the Dockyard Port are in risk of collision, they shall, in addition to the signals prescribed in Article 28 of the "Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea," indicate their own action as follows:—

If steaming ahead, by one long blast on the whistle or syren:

If stopped, by two long blasts.

Regulations for Ferries.

16.—(*a*) Any ferry across the Hamoaze or Tamar River however propelled, shall, between sunrise and sunset when there is risk of collision, keep out of the way of all sea-going

vessels, and of tugs towing trains of barges, by stopping or going astern, as necessary.

(*b*) Every such ferry, propelled by means of chains, or in any other way confined to a fixed track, shall, instead of the lights directed to be carried by the "Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea," carry four lights, one at each corner, showing white ahead and astern in the direction of the ferry track, and red on the beam or athwart the ferry track, each light to be visible for at least two miles.

Regulations for Steam Vessels crossing Hamoaze.

17. Steam vessels or steam boats crossing from one side to the other in Hamoaze shall keep out of the way of vessels proceeding up or down Hamoaze.

Locomotive Torpedo Practice.

18. Whenever practice with locomotive torpedoes takes place, a red flag will be hoisted at the firing point to warn vessels and boats not to cross the range. While the practice is proceeding, no craft shall anchor for fishing or other purpose, nor shall any cruising or pleasure sailing take place in the area considered dangerous, details of which are to be published from time to time in Notices issued by the Admiralty and published in the "London Gazette."

Prohibition of Trawling and Net Fishing in certain Areas for Safety of Navigation.

19. No trawling, nor fishing by nets, whether drift nets or set nets, shall be at any time carried on in the main fairways to, nor in the centre portion of, Plymouth Sound, the prohibited area of which shall be limited as follows:—

On the western side by a straight line drawn from Eastern King Point to the position marked by the Melampus buoy; thence to the position marked by the Queen's Grounds buoy; and thence to the position marked by the Draystone buoy;

On the eastern side by a straight line drawn from Fisher's Nose to the outermost extremity of Mount Batten Breakwater; thence to the position marked by the Hospital Hulk in Jennycliffe Bay; thence to the position marked by the Duke Rock buoy; thence to the extremity of Bovisand Pier; and thence to the Shagstone.

Net fishing shall, however, be permitted around the breakwater, inside the area bounded as follows :—

South of the breakwater, by a straight line passing from the western extremity of the breakwater, successively through the positions marked by the following buoys, namely, the Knap buoy, West Tinker buoy, East Tinker buoy, and the two western buoys of the Eastern channel, to the eastern extremity of the breakwater;

North of the breakwater, by a straight line passing from the Eastern extremity of the breakwater to a position 150 yards north of the breakwater fort; and thence to the western extremity of the breakwater.

Penalties.

20. The Master of every merchant or other private vessel, or person in charge of any boat to which this Order relates, shall observe and cause to be observed, the provisions of this Order, as far as it relates to his vessel or boat; and if any master or other person acts in any respect in contravention of any of the provisions of the Second Schedule of this Order, or fails to observe or cause to be observed in any respect any of those provisions, he shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanour.

N.L. $\frac{13317.}{1904.}$

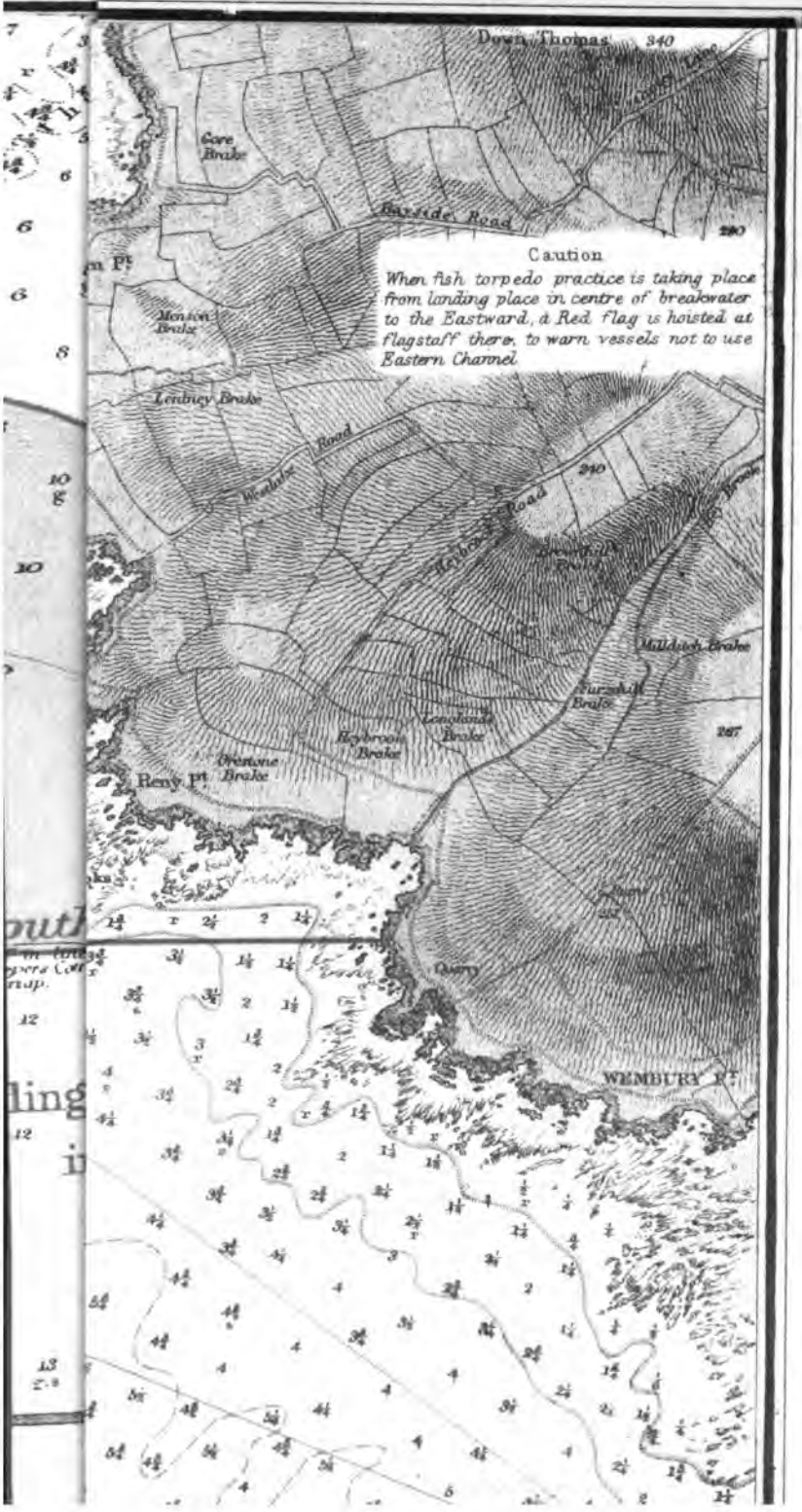
No. 88*. *24th October* 1904.

C.

REDUCED ALLOWANCE TO OFFICER CONDUCTING DUTIES OF LOCAL AUDIT AT WEI-HAI-WEI.

WHEREAS we are of opinion that it is desirable, in consequence of the transfer of the greater part of the Naval Stores from Wei-hai-Wei, that the allowance of Forty Pounds per annum hitherto paid to the officer of Your Majesty's Fleet for the duties of local audit at this establishment, under the powers conferred on us by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the nineteenth day of December 1881, should now be reduced:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment of an Allowance of Sixteen Pounds per annum to the Officer of Your Majesty's Fleet conducting the duties of Local Audit at Wei-hai-Wei:


Down Thomas
340
Core Brake
Bayside Road
280
Caution
When fish torpedo practice is taking place from landing place in centre of breakwater to the Eastward, a Red flag is hoisted at flagstaff there, to warn vessels not to use Eastern Channel
Mouton Brake
Lentney Brake
Weadale Road
Hebbrook Road
240
Brook
Hildesh Brake
Furzehill Brake
Hebbroom Brake
Longlands Brake
Greatane Brake
Reny pt
287
Quarry
WEMBURY Pt

We further beg leave humbly to recommend that we may be authorised to increase the allowance, should circumstances require it, to any sum not exceeding Forty Pounds per annum.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

No. 89. *24th October* 1904.

N.

STAFF OF R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC—ALLOWANCES REVISED.

WHEREAS Your Majesty by Your Order in Council of the twentieth day of May 1903 was graciously pleased to sanction certain allowances for the Staff of the Royal Naval School of Music.

And whereas it is necessary to rearrange and increase the staff in connection with the establishment of branch Schools of Music at the various Royal Marine Divisions and the Depôt.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following revised scale of allowances to take effect from the first day of July 1904, viz.:—

CENTRAL SCHOOL AND EASTNEY DIVISIONAL SCHOOL.

Administrative.

		s.	*d.*	
Commandant (Major) -	In addition to pay and allowances of rank -	5	0	a day.
Assistant Commandant (Captain or Subaltern)	In addition to pay and allowances of rank -	2	6	„
Adjutant (Quartermaster) and Hon. Lieutenant -	In addition to pay and allowances of rank -	1	6	„
Three Sergeants for duty as Gymnastic Instructor, Sergeant Major, and Senior Clerk, respectively - -	In addition to pay and allowances of rank -	1	0	„
Three Non-commissioned Officers or Gunners for duty as Clerks -	In addition to pay and allowances - -	0	6	„

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CENTRAL SCHOOL.

Instructional.

Musical Director (Warrant Officer), salary of £250 a year.

		s.	d.	
Two Chief Bandmasters or Bandmasters, 1st or 2nd class - -	In addition to pay and allowances - -	1	0	a day.

DIVISIONAL SCHOOLS AT FORTON, CHATHAM, PLYMOUTH, AND DEAL.

Allowances payable at each School.

Administrative.

		s.	d.	
Adjutant of Division -	In addition to pay and allowances - -	1	0	a day.
Two Sergeants - -	In addition to pay and allowances - -	0	6	,,

Instructional.

Divisional Bandmaster -	In addition to pay and allowances - -	1	0	,,

(Not payable when absent from Division.)

Men of Divisional Bands employed on Instructional duties, at the discretion of the Commandant, according to services rendered - - - 6*d.* to 1*s.* ,,

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{13367.}{1904.}$

No. 90. *24th October* 1904.
N.

HALL PORTERS AT R.N. BARRACKS.

WHEREAS difficulty has been experienced in obtaining Pensioners to carry out the duties of Hall Porters at the Royal Naval Barracks, &c. at the Naval Ports:

And whereas we consider it desirable to establish the post of Hall Porter as a substantive rating (non-continuous service) for the employment of pensioners, carrying with it a specific rate of pay:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of the following new Non-Continuous Service Substantive Ratings being established as from the fifteenth day of August 1904, for Naval or Marine Pensioners employed at the Royal Naval Barracks, &c., viz. :—

	Pay.
Hall Porter (Chief Petty Officer)	2*s.* 6*d.* a day.
Second Hall Porter (Petty Officer)	2*s.* a day.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. 13365. / 1904.

No. 91. N. *24th October* 1904.

TEMPORARY LEAVE TO ENGLAND OF OFFICERS SERVING ABROAD.

Time to count as "Service in a Ship of War at Sea."

WHEREAS under existing regulations Officers of Your Majesty's Navy serving abroad who are permitted to proceed on temporary leave to England are not allowed to count the period of leave as "Service in a Ship of War at Sea":

And whereas we are of opinion that subject to certain conditions such temporary leave should count as "Service in a Ship of War at Sea":

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve the establishment of a rule that Officers serving abroad who are hereafter granted temporary leave of absence in order to proceed to the United Kingdom may be allowed, at our discretion, to count such period of leave on full pay (within the maximum of the Foreign Service Full Pay Leave in each individual case) as "Service in a Ship of War at Sea."

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. 13366. / 1904.

No. 92. 14*th November* 1904.

N.

NAVAL VOLUNTEER OFFICERS UNDER TRAINING —PAY AND ALLOWANCES.

WHEREAS Officers of Your Majesty's Navy while undergoing Courses of Instruction are entitled to certain rates of pay and allowances:

And whereas we consider it desirable that Officers of Your Majesty's Naval Volunteer Reserve should similarly receive remuneration while undergoing Courses of Instruction:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the grant, as from the 1st day of April 1904, to Naval Volunteer Officers while under training of the rates of pay, lodging, provision, and subsistence (while travelling, &c.) allowances attaching to their relative rank in the Royal Navy; with repayment of travelling expenses in proceeding from the Head Quarters of their Division to the Port at which they attend for training, and in returning to their Head Quarters.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{14110.}{1904.}$

No. 93. 14*th November* 1904.

N.

CIVIL EMPLOYMENT OF OFFICERS COUNTING AS SERVICE TO PREVENT RETIREMENT.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 8th December 1903, Your Majesty was pleased to approve of Civil Employment as defined by Her late Majesty's Order in Council, bearing date the twenty-second day of February 1870, being treated in the case of Officers of the Military Branch of Your Majesty's Navy as service to prevent compulsory retirement.

And whereas we are of opinion that a similar rule as regards Civil Employment should be applied to Officers of other Branches of the Naval Service.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of Civil Employment as defined in the Order in Council of the twenty-second day of February 1870, Section 7,

paragraph 3, and Section 5, paragraph 9, being regarded as Service to prevent compulsory retirement in the case of Officers of all Branches of Your Majesty's Navy.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{14096.}{1904.}$

No. 94. *14th November* 1904.

R.M.

GRATUITOUS ISSUE OF CLOTHING TO MARINES—SCALE AMENDED.

WHEREAS it has been found necessary in consequence of the duties of Royal Marines afloat, and ashore, having increased and varied to a considerable extent during recent years, to amend and adjust the scale of gratuitous issues of Clothing to Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the issues set forth in the Schedule attached hereto.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have concurred in this proposal.

SCHEDULE TO ORDER IN COUNCIL.

SCALE of ISSUES of CLOTHING, &c. to ROYAL MARINES; to take effect on and after 23rd April 1905.

Free Kit on enlistment:—

1 Frock.
1 pair Tweed Trousers.
1 pair Tartan Trousers.
2 pairs Boots.
3 pairs Socks.
1 pair Braces.
1 pair Gloves.
1 Mess Tin.
1 Mess Tin Cover.
1 Button Brass.
1 Holdall.
2 Hand Towels.
1 Knife.
1 Fork.
1 Spoon.
1 Hard Brush.
1 Blacking Brush.
1 Polishing Brush.
1 Clothes Brush.
1 Button Brush.
1 Blacking Box.
1 Type.
1 Comb.
1 Canvas Bag.
1 Serge Tunic.
2 Flannel Shirts.
2 Shirts, Cotton or Linen.

Additional to Recruits after four months' training :—

1 pair Tweed Trousers. 1 pair Boots.

Additional to Recruits with first suit of Annual Clothing :—

1 pair Tartan Trousers.

On embarkation for a Station on which White Clothing is worn, provided, in the case of men re-embarking, that a period of one year shall have elapsed since the date of last gratuitous issue :—

2 F.W. Duck Tunics. 1 Cap Cover.
2 pairs F.W. Duck Trousers. 2 Cholera Belts.

To all ranks whilst serving on a station on which White Clothing is worn :—

1 F.W. Duck Tunic - . - } Annually.
1 pair F.W. Duck Trousers - - }
2 Cholera Belts - - - Triennially.

To all ranks (except Schoolmasters) :—

1 Frock - - - - Biennially.
(Frock Coat for Bandmaster R.M.A.)
1 Duck Tunic - - - Biennially.
1 Serge Tunic (or Tartan for Warrant Officers and Staff Sergeants) - - } Annually.

To all ranks annually :—

1 pair Tweed Trousers (or Tartan).
1 Flannel Shirt.
1 Shirt, Cotton or Linen.
1 pair Boots.
1 Cap, complete (with ornament).

Boots for Warrant Officers, Schoolmasters, also R.M. serving at Ascension, or on any other special duties, to be of a description suitable in each case for wear on the particular service on which employed.

To Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants :—

1 pair Socks - - - - Annually.

To all ranks (except Bandmasters R.M.A. and R.M.L.I., and Schoolmasters) :—

1 Cloth Tunic { 1 on enlistment.
1 after two years.
Triennially afterwards. }

To all ranks annually, when the Admiralty consider the circumstances of the Marines' employment render it desirable :—

1 pair Canvas Shoes.

To Bandmasters (Warrant Officers) R.M.A. and R.M.L.I. :—

1 Cloth Tunic - - - Quadrennially.

To Schoolmasters :—

1 Frock - - - -	Annually.
1 Frock Coat - - -	Biennially.

Money Compensation in lieu of gratuitous supplies of Clothing in kind to be paid at the current issuing prices for all garments not issued.

Special Working and Waterproof Clothing to be issued, as may be approved from time to time, to N.C. Officers and men employed or undergoing training as Instructors, Tradesmen, and on any other duties for which the ordinary Marine Clothing is not suitable. This Working Clothing to consist of such articles as may be found to be actually requisite for wear on the special duties on which engaged.

On joining Dockyard Reserve :—

2 Duck Tunics 2 pairs Duck Trousers.
2 pairs Boots.

One suit and one pair of Boots every half year whilst so employed, after the first year.

To men employed as Ward Room Officers' Servants, Clothing gratuities as laid down in the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions.

R.M. $\frac{5516.}{1904.}$

No. 95. 12*th December* 1904.

A.G.

COMMAND MONEY TO OFFICERS IN COMMAND OF SEA-GOING TENDERS TO HARBOUR SHIPS.

WHEREAS under the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service the scale of Command Money for Commanders and Lieutenants in command of tenders is laid down at 3*s.* 9*d.* a day in tenders to sea-going and Coastguard ships and in Torpedo Boat Destroyers attached for instructional purposes to Harbour Ships, and at 2*s.* 6*d.* a day for all other tenders to Harbour Ships:

And whereas, in consequence of changes in the system of training in the Fleet, it has been found necessary to commission sea-going vessels of considerable size and importance as tenders to Harbour Ships:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment of Command Money at the rate of 3*s.* 9*d.* a

day to Commanders and Lieutenants in Command in all sea-going vessels commissioned as tenders to Harbour Ships, to take effect as from the 1st April 1904.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence of this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{4600.}{1904.}$

No. 96. *12th December* 1904.

N.

DISCHARGE BY PURCHASE FROM, AND RE-ENTRY IN R.N. AND R.M. OF MEN AND BOYS.

WHEREAS Her late Majesty by Her Orders in Council bearing date the fourth day of March 1884 and the twenty-ninth day of June 1896 was graciously pleased to approve of a scale of payments to be made by men and boys of Your Majesty's Navy and Marines who were desirous of obtaining their discharge from Your Majesty's Service:

And whereas we consider it desirable that this scale of payments should be revised:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals:—

That the scale of payments for the discharge of men and boys from the Royal Navy and Royal Marines shall be as set forth in the subjoined Schedule.

That without derogating from the powers already possessed by the Admiralty for the discharge of men from the Service, Naval Ratings and Marines who have completed at least four years' service from the age of 18 be allowed in limited numbers at our discretion free discharge upon the condition that they join the Royal Fleet Reserve.

That Naval Ratings who may re-enter the Navy with less than four years' service and Marines who may purchase their discharge and subsequently enter the Royal Navy shall be treated as new entries so far as Clothing and Bedding gratuities are concerned; and that men with over four years' service (except those discharged free after 16 years) re-entering shall receive the lesser gratuities to which they would be entitled on re-engaging after completing their first continuous service engagements:

That men who may rejoin the Royal Navy or Royal Marines within two years of discharge therefrom and who may have already received a repayment of one-third of the purchase money on enrolment in the Royal Fleet Reserve shall be paid the difference between one-third and one-half of the purchase money.

These Regulations to take effect from the date of Your Majesty's Order in Council, except that in the case of men who apply for discharge before the first day of July 1905 the amount required by the old scale may be accepted.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

SCHEDULE.

SCALE OF PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY MEN AND BOYS OF THE ROYAL NAVY OR ROYAL MARINES WHO DESIRE TO PURCHASE THEIR DISCHARGE.

	£
(*a*) Under three months from date of entry -	10
(*b*) After three months—	
1. Marines under 18 years of age and Boys -	20
2. Men over 18 years of age—	
(i) With less than 4 years' service in receipt of pay from age of 18 -	24
(ii) After 4 years' service from age of 18 -	18
(iii) After 6 years' service from age of 18 -	12
(iv) After 16 years' service from age of 18 -	Free
(*c*) Boy Artificers after three months from date of entry, or Engine Room Artificers trained from Boy, under 4 years' service from date of being rated Acting Engine Room Artificer 4th Class	30

N. $\frac{15389.}{1904.}$

No. 97. *12th January* 1905.

N.

ACCELERATED PROMOTION TO THE BREVET RANK OF COLONEL, R.M.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand eight

hundred and ninety-four, it is provided that the Regulations relating to the promotion of Lieutenant Colonels to the rank of brevet Colonel in Your Majesty's Corps of Royal Marines should be assimilated to those governing the corresponding promotion of Army Officers.

And whereas by Your Majesty's warrant dated the tenth day of February one thousand nine hundred and four the warrant of Her late Majesty dated the twenty-sixth day of October, one thousand nine hundred, was amended as follows :—

> An officer holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel may be promoted to the brevet rank of Colonel—
>
> (c) On completion of three years' service in command of a regiment of cavalry or battalion of infantry, or in any appointment tenable by a Lieutenant Colonel which may be considered by Our Army Council to be analogous thereto. One half of any previous full pay service as substantive or brevet Lieutenant-Colonel may be reckoned in reduction of this period.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the proposal that a similar rule for accelerated promotion to the brevet rank of Colonel be established for Officers of Your Majesty's Corps of Royal Marines, with effect from the same date, namely, the tenth day of February one thousand nine hundred and four.

No. 97*. *12th January* 1905.

A.G.

MARINES ACTING AS WARD ROOM SERVANTS IN H.M.S. "ENCHANTRESS"—ALLOWANCES.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 31st December 1883 provision was made for the grant of Allowances of 10*s*. a month in addition to pay, and £2 a year to provide dresses to each of the two Privates, Royal Marine Light Infantry, acting as Ward Room Servants in H.M.S. "Enchantress" when the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are on board :

And whereas owing to increased accommodation in the new "Enchantress" additional Marines are required as Servants for the Admiralty apartments, all of whom should be provided with the proper uniform :

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the extension of the payment of the Allowances of 10*s*. a month and £2 a year to all Marines allowed by the complement of the ship from time to time as requisite for the duties in question, such extension to take effect as from the 28th May last, the date of the commissioning of the new "Enchantress."

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 98. *12th January* 1905.

A.G.

PAYMENT OF ALLOTMENTS.

Certificate of Identity dispensed with.

WHEREAS by Orders in Council of Her late Majesty, bearing date the fifth day of December 1865, and the twenty-eighth day of March 1868, it is laid down that payment of Allotments, &c. of pay from Officers and men of Your Majesty's Naval Service may not be made until the Allottee's identity has been certified by a Magistrate or Minister of Religion or other specified authority:

And whereas we consider that in the interests of Your Majesty's Fleet a Certificate of Identity should no longer be required:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to cancel the said Order in Council of the 28th March 1868, and so much of the said Order in Council of the 5th December 1865, as directs that Certificates of Identity shall be required.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal

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No. 98A. *12th January* 1905.

G.

PRIZES FOR GOOD SHOOTING WITH HEAVY GUNS.

Revision of Allowance for payment of.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the twenty-eighth day of November 1899, sanction was given to the payment of money prizes to encourage good shooting with heavy guns in Her Majesty's Navy:

And whereas we are of opinion that the system of awarding such prizes is in need of revision, in order to fully meet the present requirements of Your Majesty's Navy:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the substitution of the allowance shewn in the following Schedule for that at present in force:—

Description of the Allowance.	Amount.
Prize money for good shooting with heavy guns:— Petty Officers, Seamen of the Fleet, and Royal Marines - { Prizes to be awarded at the discretion of the Admiralty.	Capitation allowance of 1*s.* 3*d.* per head per annum of complement. To take effect from the 1st January 1905.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in the proposal.

No. 99. 10*th February* 1905.

C.

PENSIONS, &c. TO DEPENDENTS OF NAVAL OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS, R.M.

Regulations amended in cases of Officers whose Deaths are attributable to the Service.

WHEREAS under Army Regulations it has been recently provided that the widows and children, and in certain circumstances the mothers or sisters, of Officers of Your Majesty's Army, who are killed in action, or in the performance of military duty—on active service or otherwise—or die within two years of wounds, injuries, or disease received or contracted in such circumstances, may be granted special rates of pensions and compassionate allowances.

And whereas the widows and children, or mothers or sisters, of Naval Officers, whose death is attributable to the Service, are not eligible for these benefits unless the officer dies within a period of six months; and whereas we are of opinion that the period within which death must have occurred for these purposes should be the same for both Your Majesty's Navy and Your Majesty's Army.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to sanction the said period of six months being extended to two years accordingly.

And whereas under Army Regulations it is now provided that the widows of Army Warrant Officers, who are killed in action or in the performance of military duty—on active service or otherwise—or die within two years of wounds, injuries, or disease received or contracted in such circumstances, shall receive pensions at the rate of Thirty Pounds a year.

And whereas the widows of Warrant Officers of Your Majesty's Royal Marines are in such circumstances eligible for a pension of Twenty Pounds only, and we are of opinion that they should receive the same pension as the widows of Army Warrant Officers in the same circumstances.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that the amount of Twenty Pounds may accordingly be increased to Thirty Pounds a year.

We further beg leave humbly to recommend that any alterations made hereafter in the Army Regulations affecting the scale of pension to the widows of Warrant Officers of Your Majesty's Army shall be applicable to the widows of Warrant Officers of the Royal Marines.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their assent to these proposals.

No. 100. *10th February* 1905.

N.

ASSISTANT PAYMASTERS ACTING AS SECRETARIES TO FLAG OFFICERS, &c.—PAY.

WHEREAS by the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service it is provided that to qualify an Officer to receive an appointment as Secretary to a Flag Officer or Commodore of the First Class he must be on the list of Secretaries, Paymasters-in-Chief, Fleet or Staff Paymasters, or Paymasters, or in the case of a Commodore First Class or a Flag Officer, not being a Commander-in-Chief, must be an Assistant Paymaster of four years' seniority.

And whereas we consider it desirable that, where a temporary vacancy for a Secretary to a Commodore First Class or a Flag Officer (whether a Commander-in-Chief or otherwise) exists, an Assistant Paymaster of whatever seniority should be eligible to be appointed as Acting Secretary, and to draw the pay of such appointment.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction as from the first day of October 1904 the grant

of pay as Acting Secretary to Assistant Paymasters when appointed under the conditions aforesaid.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{1963.}{1905.}$

No. 101. *10th February* 1905.
N.

TEACHERS IN GIRLS' AND INFANTS' ROYAL MARINE SCHOOLS.

Scale of Pay and Pensions.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the eighteenth day of May 1897, certain regulations were laid down for the Pay and Pensions of Teachers in Girls' and Infants' Schools of Her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces:

And whereas these Schools have been brought gradually into general agreement with the existing scheme of Public Elementary Education, and in all essentials are now managed in the same manner as in the case of ordinary Public Elementary Schools:

And whereas we consider it desirable that the Pay and Pensions of the teachers in the Girls' and Infants' Schools of Your Majesty's Royal Marine Forces should be assimilated to those applying to Teachers occupying similar positions in ordinary Public Elementary Schools:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us, as from the first day of April 1904, to fix the rates of pay of such Teachers accordingly upon such a scale as we, in conjunction with the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury, may determine:

We further beg leave to recommend that the regulations as to Pensions contained in the before-mentioned Order in Council shall only apply to those Head Teachers now serving who have at this date more than ten years' qualifying service and that the remainder with less than ten years' qualifying service and future Teachers shall, as regards Superannuation, be subject to the rules and regulations applied by the Board of Education to Elementary School Teachers.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{2173.}{1905.}$

No. 102. *27th February* 1905.

A.G.

CLERKS TO SENIOR OFFICERS OF DIVISIONS OF NAVAL STATIONS—ALLOWANCE.

WHEREAS under Orders in Council of Her late Majesty, allowances of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day are payable to Paymasters, Assistant Paymasters, or Clerks, who perform the duties of Senior Officers' Clerks in certain Divisions of Stations abroad:

And whereas it becomes necessary from time to time to arrange for such duties to be carried out in other Divisions:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to empower us at our discretion to award Senior Officer's Clerk's allowance of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day in respect of any Division of a Naval Station, the arrangement to take effect as from the 1st November 1903 and to be applicable to Officers of all Branches of Your Majesty's Naval Service.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{930.}{1905.}$

102*. *20th March* 1905.

N.

WAGES AND VICTUALS FOR THE FLEET, 1905–6.

HIS MAJESTY in Council was this day pleased to declare it necessary for His Majesty's Service that timely provision for Sea Victuals be made for—

104,426 Officers, Seamen, and Boys, including those in Shore Establishments.
11,830 Marines afloat, } including those in Shore Establishments.
8,375 Marines on shore, }
4,369 Coastguard on shore.

129,000 Total, to serve in His Majesty's Navy for twelve calendar months; And to that end His Majesty doth hereby order that the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do prepare the Estimates of the Charges as well of the said Victuals as of the Wages of the said Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Boys, for the said twelve calendar months, commencing on the 1st day of April 1905, and ending the 31st day of March 1906, and present the same to His Majesty at this Board.

No. 103. *20th March* 1905.

C.

CREATION OF POST OF INSPECTOR OF TARGET PRACTICE—PAY, &c.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the desirability of ensuring a uniform high standard of Gunnery proficiency in the Royal Navy:

And whereas we are of opinion that this end will be best attained by the appointment of an Inspecting Officer of rank who would for this purpose co-operate with the Senior Officers concerned in arriving at and maintaining such a systematic form of training and practice in shooting as will ensure gunnery efficiency being kept at the highest possible standard, and the best value being obtained for the money annually expended for this purpose:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the creation of the Office of "Inspector of Target Practice," with consolidated pay of £1,000 per annum if the Officer appointed be a Captain and of £1,500 per annum if of flag rank, together with the subsistence allowance of his rank during the time he is absent from Portsmouth and is compelled to reside on shore on the public service.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 104. *20th March* 1905.

A.G.

GRATUITIES TO DEPENDENTS OF SEAMEN AND MARINES WHOSE DEATHS ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SERVICE.

Sum from Greenwich Hospital Funds supplemented.

WHEREAS by the 2nd Section of an Act passed in the 47th year of Her late Majesty's Reign, entitled the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1883, and under authority of an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 12th day of December, 1883, we are empowered at our discretion to grant out of Greenwich Hospital Funds to the parents or other relatives (not being the widow or a child) dependent on any Non-Commissioned Officer, Petty Officer or man of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines, whose death is attributable to the service, a Gratuity not exceeding one year's full wages of the deceased, provided the total expenditure in any one year shall not exceed the sum of Five hundred pounds.

And whereas, owing to the growth of Your Majesty's Navy, it is found that this amount is inadequate in respect of even ordinary casualties.

And whereas the state of Greenwich Hospital Funds does not permit of the present provision being increased from that source.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the sum, now granted from the funds of Greenwich Hospital, being supplemented from Naval Funds, as may from time to time be found necessary, such sanction to be so far retrospective as to include certain amounts which have already been issued from Naval Funds.

E. $\frac{267.}{1905.}$

No. 104*. *27th March* 1905.

N.

WAGES AND VICTUALS FOR THE FLEET, 1905–6—ESTIMATE APPROVED.

THIS day the following Estimate from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty was presented and read to His Majesty at this Board:—

124,631	An Estimate of the charges of Wages and Victuals for One hundred and twenty-four thousand six hundred and thirty-one Officers, Men and Boys (including Twenty thousand two hundred and five Royal Marines, and Four thousand and sixty Boys for Training) to serve	
4,369	in His Majesty's Fleet; and for Four thousand three hundred and sixty nine Officers and Men to be borne on the Books of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels, to be employed in His Majesty's Coast Guard Service on Shore for twelve Calendar Months, commencing on 1st April 1905.	
129,000	For the Wages of One hundred and twenty-nine thousand Officers, Men and Boys - -	£6,990,900
	For the Victuals of Do. -	2,079,100
		£9,070,000

The whole charge amounts to Nine Millions and seventy thousand pounds.

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His Majesty, having taken the same into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the said Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do cause the same to be complied with accordingly.

No. 105. *27th March* 1905.

N.

ENTRY AND PROMOTION OF ACCOUNTANT OFFICERS.

Appointment of Junior Officers from other Branches of R.N.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the twelfth day of January 1891 it was provided that the age of entry for Officers of the Accountant Branch of Your Majesty's Naval Service should be not less than 16 and not more than 18, and that such Officers should be eligible for promotion to the rank of Assistant Paymaster at the age of 21:

And whereas we consider it desirable that the entry and promotion of Officers in the Accountant Branch should be determined by such service and limits of age as we may think fit:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of the entry of Accountant Officers and the appointment of Junior Officers, already serving in other Branches of Your Majesty's Navy, to the Accountant Branch under such conditions as we may determine, also that the promotion of Accountant Officers to the rank of Assistant Paymaster may be effected after such service from the date of their entry into the Royal Navy, and subject to their complying with such regulations as we may lay down and promulgate from time to time.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{4572.}{1905.}$

No. 106. *27th March* 1905.

N.

NON-CONTINUOUS SERVICE SEAMEN AND STOKERS—CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

WHEREAS we consider it expedient that Seamen and Stokers serving in Your Majesty's Navy, on the condition of combined service in the Royal Navy and Royal Fleet Reserve (generally termed Non-continuous Service Men) should, where not inconsistent with the terms of their engagement, be governed by the rules applicable to men serving on the conditions of Continuous Service.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us at our discretion to apply to such men the rules in question, and that they may be given a retrospective effect, if such should be necessary, as regards men already entered.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{4571.}{1905.}$

No. 106*. *10th May* 1905.

A.

RETENTION ON THE ACTIVE LIST OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c.

WHEREAS under the provisions of an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 16th day of July 1895, for the Regulation of the Naval Service, any Flag Officer (except Admiral of the Fleet) whose flag has not been hoisted during a period of seven years is to be retired at the expiration of such period:

And whereas Vice-Admiral His Royal Highness George Frederick Ernest Albert, Prince of Wales, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., I.S.O., Personal Aide-de-Camp to Your Majesty, will become liable to retirement under the said Order in Council on the 27th day of August next, should his flag not be hoisted before that date:

And whereas we consider it desirable that His Royal Highness should be retained on the Active List of Your Majesty's Navy:

No. 106* *Admiralty Orders in Council.*

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to exempt His Royal Highness accordingly from the operation of the said Order in Council.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 107. *10th May* 1905.

G.

PRIZE MONEY FOR GOOD SHOOTING IN T.B. DESTROYERS.

Revised Allowance for.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the seventh day of February 1888, and by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the fifteenth day of June 1901, sanction was given to the payment of money prizes to encourage good shooting with light Q.F. guns in Your Majesty's Navy:

And whereas we are of opinion that the system of awarding such prizes in Torpedo Boat Destroyers is in need of revision, in order to fully meet the present requirements of Your Majesty's Navy:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the substitution of the allowance shown in the following schedule for that at present in force:—

Description of the Allowance.	Amount.
Prize money for good shooting with light guns in Torpedo Boat Destroyers:— Petty Officers and Seamen of the Fleet - Prizes to be awarded at the discretion of the Admiralty.	Capitation allowance of 1*s.* 3*d.* per annum on complement. To take effect from the 1st January 1905.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in the proposal.

G. 7202. / 1905.

No. 108. 10*th* *May* 1905.

N.

TRAINING FEES TO OFFICERS, R.N.R.—REGULATIONS AMENDED.

WHEREAS by existing regulations the payment of Training Fees to Officers of Your Majesty's Royal Naval Reserve has been made on the plan of the whole fee being paid in advance for the calendar year:

And whereas, in view of the varying dates of completion of Naval Training, and the varying duration of further periods of Service in the Fleet, we consider it desirable that proportionate payments of the Training Fees should be made in future in the manner shown in the accompanying schedule of regulations:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to amend the regulations accordingly.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

Proposed Article 69, *Royal Naval Reserve Regulations (Officers).*

Payment of Training Fees.

69.—An officer on completing his training and obtaining the necessary certificate is entitled to be paid for the unexpired portion of the current calendar year a proportionate part of the annual training fee due to the rank (not acting) held by the officer on the date of completing his training.* He will also be paid, without obtaining a Test Certificate, his full training fee for the subsequent calendar year, if he remains on the Active List, at any time after the 1st of January of the year, at the rate due to the rank (not acting) held by him on the 1st of January.

2.—In each further subsequent calendar year so long as he remains on the Active List the officer will be paid his training fee (1) on the production of a Test Certificate (*see* Article 44) for drill performed in that year, or obtained under Article 45, or Clause 3 of this Article, (2) on the production of a Gunnery or Torpedo Course Certificate, or (3) on production of satisfactory certificate for service in H.M. Ships under Article 46, and he may be paid at any time after the 1st of January of the year. The rate of fee to be paid on

* This will apply to Officers appointed for 12 months' training after the issue of the revised regulations.

such certificates of service will be determined by the rank (not acting) held by the officer on the 1st of January.

3.—An officer promoted to higher rank will become entitled to a proportionate part of the difference between the Training Fee to which he was entitled on the completion of training or on the 1st of January and the training fee due to his higher rank, from the date of his seniority, except in case of a sub-Lieutenant who has held acting rank, where the date of confirmation will be taken.

Similarly in cases in which the payment of the higher training fee of £25 is deferred, under Article 68 (3), until an officer has passed a satisfactory Gunnery course, a proportionate part of the extra £5 will be paid for the remainder of the year in which the course is undergone, to date from the completion of course.

4.—In cases where the Admiralty are satisfied that owing to active employment in his profession, or to long service abroad, an officer has been unable to put in his drill with annual regularity, he will, on obtaining a Test Certificate within four years from the termination of the year in which he last obtained a Test Certificate, be allowed to draw his training fees for back years.

5.—If he fails to perform his drill and obtain a Test Certificate within such period, all training fees for that period, not already earned by a Test Certificate, will be forfeited, and he will, if he eventually obtains a Test Certificate, only be entitled to draw his fee for the then current year.

6.—Officers undergoing further service in the Fleet under Article 66 will not be paid training fees in respect of the years during which they are so employed. Proportionate parts of the annual fee will be stopped for broken periods of a year.

7.—Officers called upon by Notice (R.V. 053) to serve in the Royal Navy at time of mobilisation, will not be paid training fees in respect of the time during which they are so employed. They will be considered as serving from the date on which Navy pay accrues to them, and proportionate parts of the annual fee will be stopped for broken periods of a year.

N. $\frac{6290.}{1905.}$

No. 109. *10th May* 1905.

V.

MESS UTENSILS FOR SHIPS' COMPANIES—REVISED SCALE.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the Scale of Mess Utensils at present supplied for the use of Ships' Companies in accordance with Appendix XXIV. of the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service.

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable that this scale should be adapted to modern requirements by the provision of additional articles that have become necessary and the removal of others that have become obsolete or are no longer used to the same extent as formerly.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the substitution of a Revised Scale of Mess Utensils, as shown in the accompanying Schedule, for that now in force.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

SCHEDULE.

Articles.		Ships with Complements of 250 and upwards.	All other Vessels.
Mess Kegs, large - - -	No.	As required.	
" " small - - -	"	"	"
Kettles, 5 gallons - - -	"	1 for each Mess.	—
" 4 gallons - - -	"	1 for each Mess.	2 for each Mess.
Dishes, Meat, No. 1 - -	"	1 for each Mess.	—
" " No. 2 - - -	"	1 for each Mess.	1 for each Mess.
" " No. 3 - -	"	1 for each Mess.	1 for each Mess.
Tea Canisters (for Mustard and Pepper) - - -	"	2 for each Mess.	2 for each Mess.
Pepper Dredgers - - -	"	1 for each Mess.	1 for each Mess.

Articles.		Ships with Complements of 250 and upwards.	All other Vessels.
Soup Ladles - - -	No.	1 for each Mess.	1 for each Mess.
Basins - - - -	"	One of each for every person.	
Plates - - - -	"		
Knives - - - -	"		
Forks - - - -	"		
Spoons - - - -	"		
Tea Urns or Pots, block tin, 2 galls., 1 gall., and 1 quart -	"	As necessary, but not exceeding 1 of each size for each Mess.	
Combined Tea and Sugar Canisters	"	1 for each Mess.	1 for each Mess.
Nets for cooking Compressed Vegetables - - -	"	3 annually for each Mess.	
Nets for cooking Potatoes - -	"	3 annually for each Mess.	
Tin Kettle (about 1½ gallons) -	"	1 for each Mess.	1 for each Mess.
Knife, lever for opening meat tins	"	1 for each Mess.	1 for each Mess.
Knife, lever for opening milk and jam tins - - -	"	1 for each Mess.	1 for each Mess.
Salt Box - - - -	"	1 for each Mess.	1 for each Mess.

No. 109*. 11*th July* 1905.

A.

PENSION FOR WOUNDS TO CAPTAIN HUGH P. WILLIAMS, R.N.

YOUR MAJESTY having been graciously pleased by Your Order in Council of the tenth day of May 1905, to refer for our consideration and report a humble Memorial addressed to Your Majesty by Hugh Pigot Williams, Captain in Your Majesty's Navy, praying for the award of a pension for wounds on account of injuries received on the twenty-sixth day of February 1904, from falling down a distance of twenty feet into the after six-inch shell room whilst on duty inspecting the various parts of Your Majesty's Ship "Hood" at general quarters.

We having taken the same into our careful consideration, beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to award to Captain Hugh Pigot Williams

a pension of Two hundred pounds a year for two years to commence from the fifteenth day of August 1904.

We further beg leave to recommend that at the expiration of the period of two years the amount of the said pension shall be reconsidered with a view to its continuation at such rate as the officer's permanent incapacity may justify.

No. 110. *11th July* 1905.

A.

PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES FOR WOUNDS, &c., TO OFFICERS PROMOTED FROM WARRANT RANK.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the twenty-eighth day of March one thousand nine hundred and three, it was provided that Pensions for Hurts and Wounds of Lieutenants, Engineer Lieutenants, and Carpenter Lieutenants promoted from Commissioned Warrant Officers and Warrant Officers shall be at the same rate and under the same conditions as those granted in the case of Lieutenants of the Royal Navy:

And whereas Articles 2106, 2110, and 2111 of the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service require that claims for Pensions and Gratuities for wounds or injuries shall be preferred within ten years after the date of injury, otherwise they shall not be taken into consideration:

And whereas we are of opinion that the aforesaid regulation is inapplicable to Officers promoted from Commissioned Warrant Officers and Warrant Officers to the ranks of Lieutenant, Engineer Lieutenant, and Carpenter Lieutenant and who were injured before promotion:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to exempt these Officers from the application of this regulation.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 110*. 11*th July* 1905.

A.

GRANT OF RANK OF COMMANDER TO CERTAIN EMERGENCY LIEUTENANTS.

WHEREAS Your Majesty by Your Order in Council of the thirteenth day of May 1901 was graciously pleased to sanction the establishment of a list of emergency officers consisting of officers formerly in Your Majesty's Navy whose commissions have been restored to them:

And whereas in the said Order in Council it is laid down that the restoration or retention of commissions shall not carry promotion whilst officers are unemployed:

And whereas certain of these officers while on the active list were eligible for voluntary retirement, with the privilege of a step in rank at the age of forty years, but were not permitted to retire owing to the exigencies of Your Majesty's Naval Service:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us, at our discretion, to grant the rank of Commander to Lieutenants on the emergency list who fulfil the following conditions:—

(1) Were eligible for voluntary retirement when they resigned;
(2) Had qualified for promotion before resignation;
(3) Are of 40 years of age.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 111. 11*th July* 1905.

N.

ENTRY SERVICE AND ADVANCEMENT OF JUNIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, R.N.

WHEREAS by the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service it is provided that Naval Cadets after leaving the Cadets' Training Ships shall be rated Midshipmen on dates varying according to their proficiency while in the Training Ships:

And whereas we consider it desirable that we should have power to determine the entry service and advancement of

junior Executive Officers by such limits of age or conditions of service as we may think fit.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of the entry service and advancement of junior Executive Officers being regulated by us accordingly, subject to the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury being obtained when necessary.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{8454.}{1905.}$

No. 112. *11th July* 1905.

A.

TRANSFER OF LIEUTENANTS, R.N.R., TO THE ACTIVE LIST OF R.N.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the eighth day of March 1895 we were authorised to employ Lieutenants of the Royal Naval Reserve who have undergone twelve months' training and volunteer to serve in lieu of Lieutenants in Your Majesty's Navy:

And whereas we consider it desirable that we should have power to transfer to the active list of Your Majesty's Navy Officers of the rank of Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve who have been employed in Your Majesty's Fleet and have particularly distinguished themselves while so employed:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to make such transfers at our discretion:

We further beg leave to recommend that we may be authorised, in consultation with the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury, to determine the seniority of any officer so transferred and the manner in which his previous service shall count for all purposes.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in the foregoing proposals.

No. 112*

N.

11th July 1905.

FOREIGN SERVICE LEAVE TO OFFICERS, R.N.

WHEREAS under the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service the Foreign Service Leave granted to Officers of Your Majesty's Navy is limited to those who have served on a Foreign Station for twelve months or more:

And whereas with a view to securing uniformity in the method of granting leave to officers and men of the Fleet we consider it desirable that Foreign Service Leave should be allowed to officers according to the graduated scale now in force, but without any condition as to the length of time they serve abroad:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us accordingly to rescind the rule requiring a minimum period of qualifying service abroad.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 113.

N.

7th August 1905.

MARINE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL ANNUITY FUND INCREASED.

WHEREAS Sergeants in Your Majesty's Army holding the Distinguished Conduct Medal are given a preferential claim to the Army Meritorious Service Medal and Annuity:

And whereas we are of opinion that Sergeants in Your Majesty's Corps of Royal Marines holding the Army Distinguished Conduct Medal should be similarly given a preferential claim to the Meritorious Service Medal and Annuity for Royal Marines:

And whereas the grant of this privilege to Your Majesty's Corps of Royal Marines will necessitate an increase in the Annuity Fund attached to the Marine Meritorious Service Medal:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to

authorise the increase of the Annuity Fund from three hundred and fifty pounds to four hundred pounds per annum accordingly.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{9269.}{1905.}$

No. 114. *7th August* 1905.

N.

ALLOWANCES TO OFFICERS, R.N. AND R.M., STUDYING IN JAPAN.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 7th March 1904, Your Majesty was pleased to approve of certain regulations affecting Officers of Your Majesty's Navy and Royal Marines studying Foreign Languages abroad:

And whereas we are of opinion that further provision should be made to encourage Naval Officers to acquire a knowledge of the Japanese language:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment of the prescribed Naval rates of Lodging and Provision allowances to Naval and Marine Officers studying in Japan, in addition to the full pay of their rank and also the payment of passage expenses out to Tokio and home, as may be necessary.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{9335.}{1905.}$

No. 115. *7th August* 1905.

N.

SPECIAL RATE OF PAY, &c. TO PENSIONERS EMPLOYED ON SIGNAL OR TELEGRAPH DUTIES.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 25th day of June 1903, Your Majesty was pleased to approve of the payment to the Pensioner Signalmen employed at certain Signal Stations of an inclusive rate of 4*s.* a day for pay and victualling in addition to pension:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable that this rate of pay should be extended to all Pensioners employed in future on Signal or Telegraph Duties:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment being made accordingly to all Pensioners employed or to be employed on these duties.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{9334.}{1905.}$

No. 116. *7th August* 1905.

A.G.

PENSIONS OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS TRANSFERRED FROM R.M. TO R.N.—ADDITION TO.

WHEREAS Your Majesty by Your Order in Council of the sixteenth day of February 1903 was graciously pleased to sanction the grant to all Chief Petty Officers who became eligible for pension on or after the first day of April 1903 of an allowance of one halfpenny a day for every year served in the rating of Chief Petty Officer subsequent to the completion of the first period of their Continuous Service engagement, in addition to the Allowances to which they were otherwise entitled:

And whereas, under the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service time served in the Corps of Your Majesty's Royal Marines cannot reckon as part of a Continuous Service Engagement:

And whereas we consider it desirable that Chief Petty Officers who have been transferred from the Royal Marines to Your Majesty's Naval Service should be granted the additional Allowance of one halfpenny a day under conditions similar to those obtaining for other Chief Petty Officers:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the grant, as from the first day of April 1903, to all Chief Petty Officers who have been transferred from the Royal Marines to the Royal Navy when pensioned, of this additional Allowance of one halfpenny a day for every year

served in the rating of Chief Petty Officer subsequent to the completion of twelve years' combined service from the age of eighteen in Your Majesty's Corps of Royal Marines and Naval Service.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 117. *23rd October* 1905.
A.G.

ALLOWANCE TO OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF BOOM DEFENCE STORES.

WHEREAS Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council of the 19th November 1902 to sanction the payment of an allowance of 1*s.* a day to the Officer in charge of the Boom Defence Stores at certain of the Home Ports:

And whereas we are of opinion that the duties performed by the Officer in charge of the Boom Defence Stores at Gibraltar are such as to warrant payment of the same allowance:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment of this allowance at Gibraltar as from 1st June 1903, and further to authorise us to extend the payment at our discretion to any other ports at Home or Abroad at which it may hereafter be found necessary to place an Officer in charge of Boom Defence Stores.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{3987.}{1905.}$

No. 117*. *23rd October* 1905.
A.

PENSION FOR INJURY AWARDED TO SUB-LIEUTENANT VYVYAN R. N. PORTER, R.N.

WHEREAS Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council dated the eleventh day of July 1905 to refer for our consideration and for report a humble Memorial addressed to Your Majesty by Vyvyan Raymond Nesbitt Porter, Sub-Lieutenant in Your Majesty's Navy, praying for

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the grant of a pension on account of an injury received by him on board Your Majesty's Ship "Theseus" on the thirteenth day of June 1904, owing to his being struck on the back by a kedge anchor.

We, having taken the same into our careful consideration, beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to award to Sub-Lieutenant Vyvyan Raymond Nesbitt Porter a pension of Fifty Pounds a year for life, to commence from the thirteenth day of June 1904.

No. 118. *23rd October* 1905.

N.

EMPLOYMENT OF ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVISTS AS ARTIFICERS OR ARTIZANS WHEN AFLOAT—PAY.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the question of utilising the services of men of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve who may possess certain qualifications as Artificers or Artizans:

And whereas we are of opinion that in order to fit such men to work in their respective trades whilst afloat during war or emergency it is desirable that special encouragement should be given them to undergo courses of training:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction these men being paid, when undergoing training afloat or when called out for actual service in the Fleet and whilst employed at their trades, the lowest continuous-service rates of pay of their equivalent Naval Artificer rating, Engine-Room Artificers being divided into two classes at our discretion —a lower with pay at the rate of five shillings and sixpence a day, and a higher at six shillings a day.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{11959.}{1905.}$

No. 118*. 23*rd October* 1905.
A.

PENSION FOR INJURIES AWARDED TO COMMANDER GEORGE HENRY BAIRD, R.N.

YOUR MAJESTY having been graciously pleased by Your Order in Council of the seventh day of August 1905 to refer for our consideration and report a humble Memorial addressed to Your Majesty by George Henry Baird, Commander in Your Majesty's Navy, praying for the award of a pension on account of injuries received on the twenty-first day of April 1903, whilst on duty superintending the firing of rockets on the occasion of Your Majesty's visit to Malta:

We, having taken the same into our careful consideration, beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to award to Commander George Henry Baird a pension of One Hundred Pounds a year, to commence from the twenty-first day of October 1903.

No. 119. 23*rd October* 1905.
N.

PUPIL TEACHERS IN R.M. SCHOOLS—SALARY.

WHEREAS by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the eighteenth day of May 1897 it was laid down that Pupil Teachers serving in Girls' and Infants' Schools of Your Majesty's Royal Marines were to be treated, as regards age, length of service, employment and instruction, in accordance with the Code of Regulations of the Education Department for the time being:

And whereas Probationers are now entered one year older, and the period of service has been reduced from three years and one on probation, to two years and one on probation:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of the salary of the existing Pupil Teachers serving in the Schools of Your Majesty's Royal Marines for the probationary and following two years of service being fixed

as follows, the change to take effect as from the first day of August 1905 :—

	£		£	
On probation -	6	in lieu of	6	Fixed by Your Majesty's Order in Council, dated the eighth day of August 1901.
First year -	14		11	
Second year -	17		14	
Third year -	—		17	

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence to this proposal.

N. $\frac{11955.}{1905.}$

No. 120. *23rd October* 1905.

N.

ALLOWANCE TO INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS EMPLOYED ON SHORE.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the sixteenth day of February 1903, Your Majesty was graciously pleased to authorise the employment in connection with Your Majesty's Fleet on any Station abroad of an Officer of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines as Intelligence Officer, with an allowance of 6*s.* 0*d.* a day :

And whereas we consider it desirable that this rate of pay should be extended to any Officer who is employed as Intelligence Officer in an independent position on shore :

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to grant, at our discretion, to any Officer of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines employed as Intelligence Officer in an independent position on shore, the rate of pay now allowed to Officers similarly employed afloat, viz., 6*s.* 0*d.* a day.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{11949.}{1905.}$

No. 121. *23rd October* 1905.

N.

BOY ARTIFICERS—SYSTEM OF CHIEF AND PETTY OFFICER BOYS—PAY.

WHEREAS by the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service certain Seamen Boys under Training are specially selected to act as Chief Petty Officer and Petty Officer Boys, and are granted a small weekly allowance in recognition of the duties of their superior position:

And whereas we consider it desirable in the interests of discipline that a similar system should be adopted in the case of Boys undergoing Training for the position of Artificer in Your Majesty's Navy:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to grant to Boy Artificers selected to act as Chief Petty Officer Boys or Petty Officer Boys weekly allowances at the following rates, viz.:—

Chief Petty Officer Boys - - -	4*d.* a week.
Petty Officer Boys - - - -	3*d.* a week.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{11956.}{1905.}$

No. 122. *23rd October* 1905.

N.

FLAG OFFICERS ATTENDING WAR COURSE—ALLOWANCES, &c.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the twentieth day of May 1903, Your Majesty was pleased to approve of a Course of Instruction in Strategy and Tactics being established for Flag Officers, under the following regulations as to pay and allowances:—

Flag Officers attending the Course to receive—

(*a*) the difference between their full and half pay.

(*b*) the Mess Allowance of 1*s.* 6*d.* a day established by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 11th August 1884.

(c) in the event of accommodation not being available for a Flag Officer who requires it, lodging allowance to be paid at the rate laid down for Captains in Article 1532 of the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service, viz., 4*s.* 6*d.* a day.

And whereas we consider it advisable to discontinue a separate War Course for Flag Officers and to provide for their attendance at Courses already established for Captains and Commanders, the number of Flag Officers allowed to attend these Courses being limited to twelve a year or such number as may be approved from time to time by the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury, and also that instead of the emoluments stated under (*a*) and (*b*), Flag Officers attending the Course should receive, in addition to the half pay of their rank, an allowance of 15*s.* a day, inclusive of the Mess Allowance:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of the conditions of the before-mentioned Order in Council being varied as proposed and of the emoluments of Flag Officers attending the Course being rearranged accordingly as from the twenty-ninth day of August 1905.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{11950.}{1905.}$

No. 123. *20th November* 1905.

A.

SUSPENSION OF PENSIONS OF COMMISSIONED AND WARRANT OFFICERS FOR MISCONDUCT, &c.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay and pensions payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner, and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council.

2. And whereas by Section 2 of the Forfeiture Act, 1870, it is enacted, inter alia, that if any person thereafter convicted of treason or felony, for which he shall be sentenced

to death or penal servitude or any term of imprisonment with hard labour or exceeding twelve months, shall at the time of such conviction hold any Naval Office or be entitled to any pension or superannuation allowance payable by the public or out of any public fund, such office shall forthwith become vacant, and such pension or superannuation allowance shall forthwith determine and cease to be payable unless such person shall receive a free pardon from Your Majesty within two months after such conviction or before the filling up of such office.

3. And whereas by Section 2 of the Naval Pensions Act, 1884, it is enacted that any reference in the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, to a pension, or Naval Pension, or to money payable by the Admiralty, shall be construed to include a Naval Pension and a Greenwich Hospital Pension, Gratuity, and Allowance within the meaning of the Greenwich Hospital Acts, 1865 to 1883, and any sum due on account of such a pension, gratuity, or allowance.

4. And whereas by Section 3 of the same Act it is enacted that a provision of any Order in Council made in pursuance of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, or of the Greenwich Hospital Acts, 1865 to 1883, respecting the restoration in whole or in part of any forfeited pension, shall have effect notwithstanding any Act or law relating to the forfeiture of a pension on conviction for crime.

5. And whereas by Articles 1250 and 2183 of the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service certain restrictions, conditions, and provisions were directed in respect of pensions payable to Petty and Non-commissioned Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Boys in such Service.

6. And whereas we desire, although possessing general powers in such matters as representing Your Majesty, that similar directions be made in respect of the Retired Pay and Pensions of Commissioned, Commissioned Warrant, and Warrant Officers, and that such directions shall apply to all descriptions of such pensions, not being pensions for wounds, injuries, or disability of such Commissioned, Commissioned Warrant, and Warrant Officers, including Naval, Travers, and Good Service pensions, and Greenwich Hospital pensions, gratuities, and allowances.

7. We beg leave humbly to submit that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to direct that all Retired Pay and Pensions of any Commissioned,

Commissioned Warrant, or Warrant Officer shall be held only during good behaviour, and that the Admiralty may forfeit the same (if not already forfeited under the Forfeiture Act, 1870), or may suspend the same, conditionally or unconditionally, and for such time as they may think fit, for any misconduct on the part of such Commissioned, Commissioned Warrant, or Warrant Officer, or for any act or habit rendering him in their opinion unworthy to receive the same; such misconduct, act, or habit to be judged of solely by the Admiralty; and that the Admiralty may be empowered at their discretion to restore the said Retired Pay or Pension in whole or part, and subject to such conditions as they may think fit, and whether the same has been forfeited under the Forfeiture Act, 1870, or under this Order; and to direct that the above restrictions, conditions, and provisions shall apply to all descriptions of such pensions not being pensions for wounds, injuries, or disability of such Commissioned, Commissioned Warrant, and Warrant Officers, including Naval, Travers, and Good Service pensions, and Greenwich Hospital pensions, gratuities, and allowances.

8. The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 124. *20th November* 1905.

A.G.

ALLOWANCE TO OFFICER IN CHARGE OF STORES OF SUBMARINES.

WHEREAS it is necessary to maintain a special establishment of stores for the submarine vessels of Your Majesty's Navy:

And whereas the charge of these stores and the preparation of the accounts relating to them entail considerable responsibility upon the officers concerned:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment of Store Allowances as from the 21st November 1903 at the rates and in accordance with the conditions shown hereunder, viz.:—

To each Warrant Officer or Commissioned Warrant Officer or Lieutenant promoted therefrom, rendering the accounts

for stores of submarines at any established base for submarines:—

(*a*) If in charge of submarine stores only - 6*d.* a day.

(*b*) If in charge of submarine stores in addition to other stores for charge of which an allowance is paid - - 6*d.* extra.

In the event of it being considered necessary to place more than one officer in charge of stores at any base for submarines, each officer so placed in charge and required to render Store Accounts to be eligible at our discretion to receive the allowance.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N.P. $\frac{4285.}{1905.}$

No. 125. *20th November* 1905.

A.

LIEUTENANT IN COMMAND OF TENDER TO THE NAVIGATION SCHOOL SHIP.

Command Money in addition to Allowance for (N.) Duties.

WHEREAS by Article 1413, clause 4 of the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service, it is laid down that an officer qualified to receive an allowance for Navigating duties shall not, when appointed in command of one of Your Majesty's vessels, receive command money in addition to the allowance for Navigating duties:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to except the Lieutenant holding the appointment of Commanding Officer of the gunboat or other vessel attached as tender to Your Majesty's Navigation School Ship from the operation of this regulation:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise the payment of command money in addition to the allowance for Navigating duties to the officer (if below the rank of Commander) appointed to command the tender to the Navigation School Ship, to take effect from the first day of April 1905.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 125*. 11*th December* 1905.

A.

SPECIAL PROMOTION OF ADMIRAL SIR JOHN A. FISHER, G.C.B., TO ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the eighth day of December 1903 the number of Admirals of the Fleet on the Active List is limited to three, this number being temporarily increased to four by the special promotion of Admiral of the Fleet the Right Honourable Lord Walter Talbot Kerr, G.C.B., which was sanctioned by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the twenty-third day of June 1904:

And whereas we are of opinion that the distinguished services of Admiral Sir John Arbuthnot Fisher, G.C.B., O.M., First and Principal Naval Aide-de-Camp to Your Majesty, merit Your Majesty's most favourable consideration:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction his special promotion to the rank of Admiral of the Fleet, notwithstanding the restriction contained in the above-mentioned Order in Council, such promotion to date from 4th December 1905 and to be additional to the authorised numbers.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 126. 11*th December* 1905.

N.

CLOTHING GRATUITIES TO MEN RE-ENTERED OR TRANSFERRED.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the conditions under which gratuities for clothing are granted to men on re-entry in Your Majesty's Navy within five years of discharge from the Active Service (other than discharge by purchase and Continuous Service engagement expired), and to men who are transferred to another rating.

And whereas we are of opinion that such men should receive some assistance towards the cost of their kit.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to

authorise us to award, in each case of re-entry or transfer, the whole or part of the full gratuities granted to men on first entry, at our discretion, without prejudice, however, to the claims of these men to receive, at the proper time, the gratuities payable on re-engaging to complete time for pension.

We further beg leave to recommend that men of Your Majesty's Royal Marines who may be transferred to Signal ratings in the Royal Navy shall be allowed the same Gratuity for Clothing as if transferred to Seamen or Stoker Classes.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{13689.}{1905.}$

No. 127. *8th January* 1906.

N.L.

REVISED EDITION OF KING'S REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS it has been found necessary from time to time to effect certain alterations in the Regulations for conducting Your Majesty's Naval Service as established by the Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 19th May 1899, such alterations having received whenever necessary the sanction of Her late Majesty, or of Your Majesty in Council.

And whereas the number of alterations so effected has been so great as to render it desirable to publish a revised edition of the Regulations in question, embodying such alterations, and effecting a rearrangement of the form of the Book.

We beg leave most humbly to present herewith for Your Majesty's gracious consideration and sanction, a copy of the said revised edition containing the Orders and Regulations for the governance of Your Majesty's Naval Service.

The assent of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury has been received from time to time to such alterations as required their sanction.

N.L. $\frac{620.}{1906.}$

No. 128. *8th January* 1906.
N.

UNIFORM RECRUITING FEE FOR NAVAL AND MARINE RECRUITS.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the thirty-first day of December 1883, it is provided that Recruiting Parties of Your Majesty's Royal Marines should receive a fee of £1 for every Recruit finally approved for the Royal Marines, and a fee of 5*s.* for every man or boy finally approved for entry into the Royal Navy:

And whereas we consider it desirable that the amount payable for this service should be on the same scale for both branches of Your Majesty's Navy:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the Recruiting Fee for both Naval Ratings and Royal Marine Recruits being fixed at a sum of 10*s.* in every case as from the twenty-first day of December 1905.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. 623./1906.

No. 128*. *8th January* 1906.
A.

OFFICER HOLDING POSITION OF FIRST SEA LORD—HALF PAY.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the emoluments of the First Sea Lord of the Board of Admiralty who receives, in addition to the Naval half pay of his rank, a salary of fifteen hundred pounds a year together with a house allowance of two hundred pounds a year or a house.

And whereas we consider it desirable that, in the event of the office of First Sea Lord being held by an Admiral of the Fleet who has rendered exceptional and special service, we should have power to increase his half pay in acknowledgment of such services.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us in such a case to grant, subject to the concurrence

of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury, Naval half pay at the rate of Two thousand pounds a year, instead of at the ordinary rate of One thousand two hundred and twenty-two pounds fifteen shillings, this special rate of half pay to be continued on the officer in question ceasing to be a member of the Board of Admiralty and after his retirement from the Active List of Your Majesty's Navy.

We would further submit that this proposal should take effect from the thirtieth day of December nineteen hundred and five.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

No. 129. *8th January* 1906.

N.

ALTERATIONS IN TRAINING, PAY, &c. OF ENGINE ROOM RATINGS.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the organisation and training of the Engine Room Ratings of Your Majesty's Fleet.

And whereas we consider it desirable to make certain alterations in the training, advancement, and rates of pay of those Ratings.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the changes set forth in the accompanying Schedule to be introduced gradually under such arrangements as we may direct.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

SCHEDULE.

The rating of Leading Stoker 2nd Class to be abolished, and a rating of Leading Stoker equivalent to Leading Seaman to be established in its place.

The title of Leading Stoker 1st Class to be changed to Stoker Petty Officer.

No. 129 *Admiralty Orders in Council.*

The non-substantive ratings of Trained Man (Stoker) and Stoker Mechanic to be abolished.

The rates of pay of the Stoker and Mechanician Class to be revised as in the following Table:—

TABLE OF PAY.

Rating.	Per Diem.	
	s.	*d.*
Stoker Second Class	1	8
Stoker First Class	2	1
Acting Leading Stoker	2	4
Leading Stoker	2	4
Leading Stoker (after 3 years)	2	6
Acting Stoker Petty Officer	2	10
Stoker Petty Officer	2	10
Stoker Petty Officer (after 3 years)	3	0
Stoker Petty Officer (after 6 years)	3	2
Chief Stoker	3	6
Chief Stoker (after 3 years)	4	0
Chief Stoker (after 6 years)	4	6
Chief Stoker (after 9 years)	5	0
Chief Stoker (after 12 years)	5	6
Mechanician	4	6
Mechanician (after 3 years)	5	0
Mechanician (after 6 years)	5	6
Mechanician (after 9 years)	6	0
Mechanician (after 12 years)	6	6

N. $\frac{624.}{1906.}$

No. 129*. *8th January* 1906.
A.

SPECIAL PROMOTION ON THE RETIRED LIST OF LIEUTENANT E. C. TYNDALE-BISCOE, R.N.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the twenty-fourth day of April 1902, Your Majesty was graciously pleased to authorise us to give, at our discretion, promotion to re-employed Officers on the Retired List, irrespective of any regulations governing the eligibility for promotion of Officers on the Active List of Your Majesty's Navy, but such special promotion not to extend to the granting of Flag Rank nor of any equal relative rank;

And whereas the said Order in Council had retrospective effect only as regards Officers voluntarily re-employed on Transport Service during the late war in South Africa;

And whereas the services of Edward Carey Tyndale-Biscoe, Lieutenant on the Retired List of Your Majesty's Navy, which were voluntarily given prior to the date of the said Order in Council, appear to us to deserve recognition by the granting to him of the rank of Commander on the Retired List for which rank he is not eligible under existing regulations;

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to grant the rank of Commander to the said Lieutenant Edward Carey Tyndale-Biscoe, to take effect as from the twenty-fourth day of April 1902.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 130. *8th January* 1906.

A.G.

INCREASE OF SERVANTS' ALLOWANCE TO OFFICERS, R.M., STUDYING AT THE STAFF COLLEGE.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the twenty-eighth day of May 1894 provision was made for the payment to Officers of Your Majesty's Royal Marines studying at the Staff College of servant's allowance of £35 per annum, the rate then payable to Officers of Your Majesty's Army:

And whereas the rate payable to Army Officers has since been increased to £37 10*s.* per annum:

And whereas we consider it desirable that Royal Marine Officers studying at the Staff College should be paid the same rate as that received by Army Officers:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction, with the requisite retrospective effect, payment to Royal Marine Officers studying at the Staff College at the

same rate of servant's allowance as is, or may be, authorised in the case of Army Officers.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

E. $\frac{354.}{1906.}$

No. 131. 16*th February* 1906.
A.G.

ALLOWANCE TO OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF STORES IN TORPEDO SCHOOL SHIP, SHEERNESS.

WHEREAS we have found it necessary to commission H.M.S. "Actæon" as a Torpedo School Ship at Sheerness:

And whereas we are of opinion that the labour and responsibility devolving on the Officers in charge of Stores in that Ship are such as to entitle them to receive allowances according to the scale provided in Appendix XVII.*a* to the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Navy for the Officers occupying corresponding positions in the Torpedo School Ships at Portsmouth and Devonport:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment accordingly as from 6th June 1905.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{722.}{1906.}$

No. 132. 16*th February* 1906.
A.G.

STORE ALLOWANCE TO THE BARRACK MASTER AT SHOTLEY, &c.

WHEREAS we have found it necessary to create the post of Barrack Master at the new Naval Barracks at Shotley, such post to be filled by a Warrant Officer, a Commissioned Warrant Officer, or a Lieutenant promoted therefrom:

And whereas we are of opinion that the duties and responsibilities of this officer in respect of the stores placed in his charge are such as to entitle him to the Store Allowance of 1*s.* 6*d.* a day sanctioned for Barrack Masters at Sheerness, Chatham, Portsmouth, and Devonport, by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 26th September 1891:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment accordingly as from the 3rd June last, and further to empower us to award, at our discretion, an allowance at the same rate to any officer (being a Warrant Officer, Commissioned Warrant Officer or Lieutenant promoted therefrom) who may be employed as Barrack Master at any other Naval Barracks which may hereafter be built.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{721.}{1906.}$

No. 133. *27th February* 1906.
N.

DRILL AND TRAINING OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, R.N.R.

Amended System.

WHEREAS Your Majesty has been graciously pleased from time to time by Your Orders in Council to sanction existing regulations for Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve:

And whereas we consider it desirable to make certain changes in the system under which Executive Officers of the Reserve undergo annual drill and training:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of the existing system of annual drill of Executive Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve being amended and replaced gradually as may be found convenient by a method

of training in effective ships of war in commission, as shown in the accompanying Schedule.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

SCHEDULE.

Training of Executive Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve.

Periods of Training:

(i) For the first three years of service in the Royal Naval Reserve Officers to undergo 28 days' training in each year.

(ii) Subsequently Officers to undergo 28 days' training every alternate year, or, at their option, 14 days every year.

} Or until a Test Certificate is obtained.

(iii) Officers who obtain Test Certificates to be required to do only 14 days' training every alternate year, provided that during this period they re-qualify for the Test Certificate. But if they fail to re-qualify, they will be required to complete drill in accordance with clause (ii) until a Test Certificate is again obtained.

In the case of an Officer holding a Test Certificate who produces satisfactory proof that it is not possible for him to attend during the whole of the 14 days' course owing to reasons of an imperative nature, the period of 14 days may be reduced to a minimum of seven days, provided the Officer re-qualifies for a Test Certificate during the shorter period.

Officers who fail to obtain a Test Certificate within six years of entry, or who fail to re-qualify for a Test Certificate during six years, to be liable to removal from the list.

Arrears of Training.

Officers who are in arrears of training owing to the exigencies of their employment to be permitted to make good one year's arrears under certain conditions.

Pay, &c., during training.

Officers to live on board H.M. Ships when undergoing training, to be allowed Naval Victualling, and to receive pay

at the rates allowed for voluntary service in the Royal Navy, viz.:—

	Per Diem.				
Lieutenants - -	10*s.* pay and 2*s.* messing allowance.*				
Sub-Lieutenants and Acting Sub-Lieutenants - - -	5*s.*	,,	1*s.*	,,	†
Midshipmen over 17 and of two years' seniority	4*s.*	,,	1*s.*	,,	†
Other Midshipmen -	3*s.*	,,	1*s.*	,,	†

Travelling expenses to be granted to Officers attending on board effective ships in commission for training under the same conditions as they are now granted to Officers attending short courses of Gunnery and Torpedo, subject to the proviso that only two journeys will be paid for in any one year, viz., one journey at the commencement and one at the completion of training.

N. $\frac{2348.}{1906.}$

No. 133*. *4th April* 1906.

A.

PENSION FOR INJURY AWARDED TO LIEUTENANT THE HONOURABLE HERBERT MEADE, R.N.

YOUR MAJESTY having been graciously pleased by Your Order in Council of the sixteenth day of February 1906 to refer for our consideration and report a humble memorial addressed to Your Majesty by the Honourable Herbert Meade, a Lieutenant in Your Majesty's Navy, praying for the award of a pension for wounds on account of a severe injury to his right leg received on the fifteenth day of March 1904 from being struck by the catfall whilst on duty in Your Majesty's Ship "Venerable":

We having taken the same into our careful consideration, beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to award to Lieutenant the Honourable

* Messing allowance to be payable only for the period during which Officers pay mess subscriptions.

† To receive an additional 1*s.* a day messing allowance if they have to join the ward-room mess.

Herbert Meade a pension of Fifty pounds a year for three years to commence from the fourteenth day of September 1905:

We further beg leave to recommend that at the expiration of the period of three years the amount of the said pension shall be reconsidered with a view to its continuation at such rate as the officer's permanent incapacity may justify.

No. 134. *11th May* 1906.

N.

MARINES EMPLOYED ON PHYSICAL TRAINING DUTIES—ALLOWANCES.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 12th day of March 1903, Your Majesty was graciously pleased to sanction the payment of certain allowances to Seamen of Your Majesty's Fleet performing the duties of Gymnastic Instructor:

And whereas it has been found advisable in certain instances to employ Non-Commissioned Officers and men of Your Majesty's Royal Marines in lieu of such Seaman Gymnastic Instructors:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment of an allowance of sixpence per diem for seven days in the week to duly qualified Marines employed upon Physical Training duties in lieu of Seaman Gymnastic Instructors as from the 1st day of April 1906, with retrospective effect at our discretion in cases where Marines have been so employed before that date:

We further beg leave to recommend that from the 1st day of April 1906, the allowance at present granted to Marine Gymnastic Instructors in Boys' Training Establishments, &c., may be fixed at the rate of sixpence a day for seven days in the week, instead of six as heretofore.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{5248.}{1906.}$

No. 134*. 11*th May* 1906.

N.

WAGES AND VICTUALS FOR THE FLEET, 1906–7.

His Majesty in Council was this day pleased to declare it necessary for His Majesty's Service that timely provision for Sea Victuals be made for—

105,418 Officers, Seamen, and Boys, including those in Shore Establishments.
11,610 Marines afloat, including those in Shore Establishments.
7,850 Marines on shore.
4,122 Coastguard on shore.

129,000 Total, to serve in His Majesty's Navy for 12 calendar months: And to that end His Majesty doth hereby order that the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do prepare the Estimates of the Charges as well of the said Victuals as of the Wages of the said Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Boys for the said 12 calendar months, commencing on the 1st day of April 1906, and ending the 31st day of March 1907, and present the same to His Majesty at this Board.

No. 135. 11*th May* 1906.

N.

PAYMENT FOR INSTRUCTION OF OFFICERS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

Regulations amended.

Whereas we have had under consideration the regulations laid down in Your Majesty's Order in Council of the seventh day of March 1904, for the encouragement of the study of Foreign Languages by Officers of Your Majesty's Naval Service, and whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable slightly to extend the scope of these regulations so as to enable payment to be made for the instruction in Classes of Commissioned as well as of Junior Officers.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to

authorise us to revise clause 7 of these regulations in the following manner:—

7. Officers qualified for the instruction in foreign languages of Commissioned and Junior Officer on board Your Majesty's Ships to receive five shillings for each lesson (of one hour's duration), the number of lessons for which payment is made to any individual instructor not to exceed four a week.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{5249.}{1906.}$

No. 136. *11th May* 1906.

A.G.

ALLOWANCES TO WARRANT OFFICERS, AND OFFICERS PROMOTED THEREFROM, EMPLOYED IN THE PIGEON SERVICE.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the emoluments of Warrant Officers and of Officers promoted therefrom when employed in the training of Homing Pigeons:

And whereas we are of opinion that Gunners and Officers promoted from that rank, detailed for this service, should receive an equivalent to the Gunnery Allowance of 1*s.* or 1*s.* 6*d.* a day (according to the class of certificate) of which they would be in receipt if employed in the general service of Your Majesty's Navy:

And whereas such a payment would place the Officers in question on the same footing as Signal Boatswains who receive, when selected for the Pigeon Service, Signal Allowance of 1*s.* or 1*s.* 6*d.* a day according to class of certificate:

And whereas we are further of opinion that it should be open to us to award, at our discretion, a special allowance to Warrant Officers and Officers promoted therefrom who may be employed on the Pigeon Service but have no claim to an equivalent to Gunnery Allowance or to Signal Allowance:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to

sanction the following proposals as regards Officers employed in the Pigeon Service:

I. That Gunners and Officers promoted therefrom shall receive a special allowance of 1*s.* or 1*s.* 6*d.* a day according to their class of Gunnery Certificate.

II. That the foregoing proposal shall take effect as from the 18th July 1904.

III. That other Warrant Officers or Officers promoted therefrom who are not eligible for Gunnery Allowance or for Signal Allowance may, at our discretion, be awarded an allowance of 1*s.* a day if in our opinion the nature and importance of the duties are such as to justify such a grant.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N.P. $\frac{1704.}{1906.}$

No. 137. *29th May* 1906.

A.

PREVIOUS ARMY SERVICE COUNTING FOR INCREASE OF PAY, &c.

WHEREAS the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service do not provide for the reckoning of previous Army Service in an Acting or Commissioned Rank for the purposes of increase of full, half, and retired pay or gratuity:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable that previous Service in Your Majesty's Army should be allowed to reckon in Your Majesty Navy under conditions similar to those under which such previous service in an acting or confirmed rank is allowed to count for increase of full, half, and retired pay in Your Majesty's Army:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us at our discretion to allow such previous service as would under Army Regulations have counted towards increase of full, half, and retired pay or gratuity in the Army to count towards increase of full, half, and retired pay or gratuity in Your Majesty's Naval Service:

We would further submit that this proposal may be made retrospective so as to cover the case of the Reverend Matthew Mullineux, whose naval appointment as Chaplain was preceded without break of service by employment as Acting Chaplain in the Army from the twentieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 137*. *29th May* 1906.

N.

WAGES AND VICTUALS FOR THE FLEET, 1906–7—ESTIMATE APPROVED.

THIS day the following Estimate from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty was presented and read to His Majesty at this Board:—

124,878	An estimate of the charges of Wages and Victuals for One hundred and twenty-four thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight Officers, Men, and Boys (including Nineteen thousand four hundred and sixty Royal Marines, and Three thousand five hundred and sixty Boys for Training) to serve in His Majesty's Fleet; and for Four thousand one hundred and twenty-two Officers and Men to be borne on the Books of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels, to be employed in His Majesty's Coast Guard Service on Shore for twelve calendar months, commencing on 1st April 1906.	
4,122		
129,000	For the Wages of One hundred and twenty-nine thousand Officers, Men and Boys -	£7,137,800
	For the Victuals of Men and Boys - - -	1,913,000
		£9,050,800

The whole charge amounts to Nine million and fifty thousand eight hundred pounds.

His Majesty, having taken the same into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to

approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the said Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do cause the same to be complied with accordingly.

No. 138. *29th May* 1906.

N.

EMOLUMENTS OF THE DIVISIONAL OFFICER OF COAST GUARD AT GUIDORE INCREASED.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the second day of February 1884 the total emoluments of the Divisional Officer of Your Majesty's Coast Guard at Guidore are now fixed at £259 6*s.* 8*d.* per annum:

And whereas in view of certain additional duties entailing extra expense which this Officer has been called upon to perform, we consider it desirable that his emoluments should be increased by £12 per annum:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the total emoluments of the Divisional Officer of Coast Guard at Guidore being increased to £271 6*s.* 8*d.* as from the fifteenth day of April 1906.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have concurred in this proposal.

N. 5661./1906.

No. 138*. *29th May* 1906.

A.

AWARD OF PENSION TO SURGEON A. C. W. NEWPORT, R.N.

WHEREAS Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council dated the eleventh day of May to refer for our consideration and for report a humble Memorial addressed to Your Majesty by Alexander Charles William Newport, a Surgeon in Your Majesty's Navy, praying for the grant of a pension on account of having contracted serious contagious disease whilst performing an operation on board Your Majesty's Ship "Amphitrite" in the year 1905.

We, having taken the same into our careful consideration, beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be

graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to award to Surgeon Alexander Charles William Newport a pension of £75 a year for life to commence from the ninth day of January last.

No. 139. 30*th June* 1906.

N.

ALLOWANCES TO CERTAIN OFFICERS AT THE SIGNAL SCHOOLS, &c.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the twenty-fifth day of March 1901 an allowance of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day was granted to the Officer in charge of the Signal School at Portsmouth:

And whereas we are of opinion that similar allowances should be granted to Officers in charge of the Signal Schools at Chatham and Devonport:

And whereas we are also of opinion that the Officer holding the appointment of First Lieutenant of the Signal School at Portsmouth, or of a like separate establishment located in Naval Barracks, should receive an allowance similar to that payable to the First Lieutenant of a Ship allowed a Commander in complement:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment of allowances as follows:—

Allowances of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day to the Officers in charge of the Signal Schools at Chatham and Devonport payable as from the first day of January 1906, and to take the place of Command Money at that rate when the appointments are held by Officers of the rank of Commander:

An allowance of 1*s.* 6*d.* a day to the First Lieutenant of the Signal School at Portsmouth, or to the First Lieutenant of a like separate establishment when located at the Naval Barracks at any of the Home Ports, with retrospective effect as from the fourth day of January 1905 as regards the allowance to the First Lieutenant of the Signal School at Portsmouth.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{6822.}{1906.}$

No. 140. 28*th July* 1906.

N.

INSTRUMENT ALLOWANCES TO BAND RATINGS NOT ENTERED AS MARINES.

WHEREAS Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council of the twentieth day of May 1903 to sanction new regulations for the entry, training, and pay of Bandsmen in Your Majesty's Fleet:

And whereas under these regulations Bandsmen entered as Royal Marines are eligible for Instrument Allowances upon the following scale:—

To Band Corporals and Musicians on a certificate that their Instruments have been carefully kept - -	2*d.* a day.
To Chief Bandmasters and Bandmasters on a certificate that proper care and supervision have been exercised over the Instruments of the Band under their direction - - -	6*d.* a day.

And whereas we consider it desirable that these allowances should be extended to such Band Ratings (including Maltese) as are not entered as Royal Marines, if they are supplied with Band Instruments at the public expense:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the allowances being granted accordingly, as from the first day of April 1906 on the same conditions as those on which they are now granted to Marine Bandsmen only.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{7891.}{1906.}$

No. 141. 28*th July* 1906.

N.

ALLOWANCES, &c. TO OFFICERS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A KNOWLEDGE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

Additions to List of Languages.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 7th March 1904 certain regulations were approved with a view to encouraging the acquisition of a knowledge of Foreign

Languages by Officers of Your Majesty's Navy and Royal Marines:

And whereas we consider it desirable that the Schedule specifying the Foreign Languages affected by these regulations should be amended so as to include Turkish, Danish, Swedish, and Norwegian:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the substitution of the annexed Schedule for that accompanying the Order in Council above referred to.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

SCHEDULE.

Language.	Duration of Residence Abroad.		Gratuity on Qualifying.		Additional Pay whilst employed	
	For Higher Standard (Interpreter).	For Lower Standard.	For Higher Standard (Interpreter).	For Lower Standard.	As Interpreter Higher Standard.	As Acting Interpreter Lower Standard.
	Months.	Months.	£	£	Per diem. s. d.	Per diem. s. d.
Japanese - -	12	6	200	100	2 6	1 0
Chinese - -						
Russian - -	9	6	150	75	2 6	
Turkish - -						
German - -	6	4	70	35	2 0	
Dutch - -						
Danish - -						
Swedish - -						
Norwegian - -						
Modern Greek -						
French - - -	4	3	50	25	1 6	
Italian - -						
Spanish - -						
Portuguese -						

N. $\frac{7893.}{1906.}$

No. 142.
N.

28th July 1906.

PAY AND TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF NAVAL VOLUNTEER OFFICERS WHILE UNDERGOING TRAINING AFLOAT.

WHEREAS under Section 3 of the Naval Forces Act, 1903, it is provided that any Volunteer Officer or man when training afloat or called out for actual service shall be deemed to be serving in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Forces within the meaning of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865:

And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council of the fourteenth day of November 1904 to sanction payment to Naval Volunteer Officers while under training of rates of pay and allowances attaching to Officers of Your Majesty's Navy of the same relative rank, together with the repayment of travelling expenses incurred by them in proceeding between the Head Quarters of their Division and the Port at which they attend for training:

And whereas we consider it desirable to modify and supplement the above provisions:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the grant, as from the first day of April 1906, of special rates of pay to Officers of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve of the following ranks when undergoing training afloat, viz.:—

Paymasters - - -	10*s.* a day,
Assistant Paymasters - -	5*s.* ,,
Midshipmen - - -	5*s.* ,,

the rate in the case of Midshipmen to apply also when they are called out for actual service, and the authority to be retrospective as regards Officers of that rank already embarked for training prior to the first day of April 1906. And we further beg leave to recommend that we may receive authority to repay travelling expenses to Naval Volunteer Officers of all ranks when proceeding from or to the Head Quarters of their Companies to the Port at which they attend for actual service or training afloat, instead of from or to the Head Quarters of their Divisions.

No. 142 *Admiralty Orders in Council.*

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{7894.}{1906.}$

No. 143. *28th July* 1906.
N.

CHIEF AND OTHER BANDMASTERS—PROMOTION, RETIREMENT, AND CALCULATION OF PENSIONS.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the twentieth day of May 1903 regulations were approved for the entry of Bandsmen for Your Majesty's Fleet as part of Your Majesty's Royal Marine Forces:

And whereas it is desirable that they and other Bandmasters appointed under these regulations or transferred from the Navy or Army should, if necessary, be exempted from the general Marine Service Regulations in respect of promotion and retirement:

And whereas it is necessary to determine the method of calculating the pensions of Chief and other Bandmasters, Royal Marines (Warrant Officers) who have had previous pensioned service in the Navy or Army:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the regulations shown in the accompanying Schedule with retrospective application as may be necessary.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

SCHEDULE.

I. Bandmasters with previous service in the Royal Navy who have been transferred to the Royal Marines for service as Bandmasters in His Majesty's Fleet may, at the discretion of the Admiralty, be exempted from the operation of the general limits of age for promotion to Marine Warrant Rank.

II. Chief Bandmasters and Divisional Bandmasters Royal Marines may, at the discretion of the Admiralty, be exempted from the Marine rule as to retirement for age, and be retained

in their appointments. The retention in the case of Chief Bandmasters is to be for a limited period, not in any case to exceed 5 years, nor necessitating their retention beyond the age of 60.

III. Bandmasters with previous pensioned service in the Navy who are transferred to the Royal Marines and promoted to be Warrant Officers in the Marines may upon final discharge be granted Marine Warrant Officers' pensions under Article 1208 of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions 1906, and allowed to count their former Naval time towards such pension. They will be removed from the roll of Naval pensioners on promotion to Warrant rank, and their pensions will be suspended while serving as Warrant Officers.

IV. A Marine Warrant Officer with previous Army service as a Warrant Officer may on final retirement be awarded a total pension of the same amount as he would have received had he remained in the Army, any Army pension being withheld while the Officer is serving as a Marine Warrant Officer. The liability for the payment in the future of the pension awarded for Army service, together with any widow's pension, &c. payable in respect of such service, will fall on Army funds, Naval funds bearing the Officer's additional pension for Naval Service only.

If, however, the Officer's Army service be too short to allow of the grant of a widow's pension, &c., his Naval service may reckon for the purpose of earning a prospective right to a pension for his widow, and compassionate allowances for his children, payable out of Naval funds.

N. $\frac{7892.}{1906.}$

No. 144. *28th July* 1906.
A.G.

ALLOWANCES TO ENGINEER REAR-ADMIRALS RECEIVING INSTRUCTION IN THE BURNING OF OIL FUEL.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Orders in Council of the 20th May 1903 and the 23rd October 1905, Your Majesty was pleased to authorise the payment of the following allowances in addition to the half pay of their rank to Flag Officers

attending the War Course established for the instruction of Senior Officers, viz.:—

(*a*) Special allowance of 15*s.* a day.

(*b*) Lodging Money at the rate laid down for Captains in Article 1503 of the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service, viz.:—4*s.* 6*d.* a day, provided accommodation is required and is not available.

And whereas it has been found necessary to provide for the attendance of Engineer Rear Admirals at courses of instruction in the burning of oil fuel in Your Majesty's Ships:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable that the allowances already sanctioned for Flag Officers attending the War Course should be extended and paid concurrently with the half pay of their rank to Engineer Rear Admirals receiving instruction in the burning of oil fuel:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment accordingly.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{2948.}{1906.}$

No. 145. *28th July* 1906.

A.G.

ALLOWANCE TO SECRETARIES TO CHIEFS OF THE STAFF, AND TO SENIOR SECRETARY'S CLERK IN THE ATLANTIC FLEET.

WHEREAS Your Majesty, by Your Order in Council of the 11th June 1902, was graciously pleased to sanction the payment of a special allowance of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day to the Assistant Paymaster appointed for duty with the Chief of the Staff on the Mediterranean Station:

And whereas we consider it desirable that an allowance at this rate should also be attached to other similar appointments:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to

sanction, as from the 1st April 1906, payment of an allowance of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day to each of the Assistant Paymasters holding the following appointments :—

(*a*) Secretary to the Chief of the Staff in the Channel Fleet.

(*b*) Secretary to the Chief of the Staff in any other Fleet or Squadron to which a Chief of Staff may be appointed, should we consider the issue of the allowance to be justified.

(*c*) Senior Secretary's Clerk in the Atlantic Fleet.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{2497.}{1906.}$

No. 146. *28th July* 1906.

A.G.

ALLOWANCE TO SENIOR OFFICER R.M. H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE," OR IN ANY OTHER SHIP SELECTED FOR SPECIAL SERVICE IN WEST INDIES.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the duties performed by the Senior Officer of Royal Marines in H.M.S. "Indefatigable" while in commission for special service in the West Indies:

And whereas we are of opinion that the importance and the nature and extent of the duties and responsibilities of this Officer's appointment justify the award of special remuneration in addition to full pay:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to direct payment of an allowance at the rate of 5*s.* a day to be made to the Officer as from the date on which he joined the ship, and to his successors in that or any other ship which may be selected for the same service.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{2499.}{1906.}$

No. 147. *28th July* 1906.

A.G.

NAVAL SAVINGS BANKS—REVISED REGULATIONS, &c.

Provisionally approved.

WHEREAS by Orders in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 10th November 1866, 2nd March 1881, 10th March 1882, and 30th June 1890, the establishment was authorised under the "Naval Savings Bank Act, 1866," of Naval Savings Banks on board Your Majesty's Ships, at the Headquarters of the Royal Marine Divisions, and at such of Your Majesty's Naval Establishments on shore as we might think desirable, and sanction was given to the issue of such regulations for the proper management of the same as were from time to time found necessary;

And whereas under the said Orders in Council the rates of interest were fixed at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. simple interest per annum on all deposits in the banks established on board Your Majesty's Ships, and at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. compound per annum on every complete pound invested in the banks established at the Royal Marine Divisions and Naval Establishments on shore;

And whereas we are of opinion that, in view of the reduced value of such deposits to Your Majesty's Government, it is no longer practicable to continue the payment of interest at the present rate on deposits in the Banks instituted on board Your Majesty's Ships, and that such rate should therefore be assimilated to that authorised on deposits in the Banks instituted at the Royal Marine Divisions and Naval Establishments on shore;

And whereas we have been advised that regulations made under Section 5 of the "Naval Savings Bank Act, 1866," should be authorised directly by Your Majesty's Order in Council, and covering sanction is therefore necessary to the regulations issued indirectly in accordance with the Orders in Council of Her late Majesty dated 2nd March 1881 and 10th March 1882 for the administration of the Banks at the Royal Marine Divisions and Your Majesty's Naval Establishments on shore;

And whereas we consider it desirable in certain minor details further to revise the administration of the Naval Savings Banks on shore and on board Your Majesty's Ships;

We beg leave humbly to recommend that in pursuance of the Act aforesaid Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by

Your Order in Council to direct that the rate of interest payable on all deposits in new accounts opened in Banks instituted in any of Your Majesty's Ships that may be commissioned on or after the 1st January 1907 shall be fixed at £2 10*s.* 0*d.* per cent. compound per annum on every complete pound invested, and that the regulations established under the Orders of Her late Majesty in Council dated 2nd March 1881, 10th March 1882, and 30th June 1890 may be cancelled, and the regulations, copies of which are appended hereto, substituted for the same, and that this Order may have retrospective effect, as necessary to sanction the regulations issued from time to time for the management of the Banks at the Royal Marine Divisions and at Your Majesty's Naval Establishments.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

Regulations for the Conduct of Naval Savings Banks on Board H.M. Ships.

General Supervision.

1. The general supervision of the Bank will be vested in the Commanding Officer.

Manager of Bank.

2. The Paymaster will be regarded as the Manager of the Bank.

When Bank to be opened.

3. The Bank is to be open for the receipt and withdrawal of deposits on the days when monthly advances are paid, and in any month in which advances are not required the Commanding Officer shall appoint a day when the Bank shall be open.

Witness to transactions.

4. The Commanding Officer shall appoint a Commissioned Officer to attend personally and witness the receipts and payments.

Deposits.

5. No sum less than one shilling is to be received, nor any fractional part of a shilling.

Pass Book.

6. Each Depositor on making his first deposit shall be furnished by the Paymaster, for retention in the Depositor's own custody, with a Pass Book, in which shall be entered at the time of receipt or payment the several sums deposited or withdrawn, such entries to be verified by the initials of the Paymaster, and the officer appointed to witness the transactions under Sec. 4; the Pass Book shall bear on the outside of the cover the official or regimental number of the Depositor.

On closing his account each Depositor shall surrender his Pass Book, which shall be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy with the Withdrawal List on which the closing transaction appears.

7. Should a Depositor lose his Pass Book the Commanding Officer may direct that he be supplied with a fresh Book, on which the word "Duplicate" is to be written.

Deposit List.

8. At the time of the receipt of the amounts deposited, the Paymaster shall prepare a list of the same, to which is to be appended a certificate to be signed by him, that the sums deposited have been credited in the Ledger Accounts and Pass Books, and the total amount received debited in his Cash Account. A certificate to be signed by the witnessing officer appointed under Sec. 4 shall also be appended to the effect that the amounts shown on the list were deposited in his presence. The list is then to be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Withdrawals.

9. A Depositor wishing to withdraw the whole or any portion of his deposits shall give to the Paymaster seven days' notice prior to the next day for opening the Bank, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

10. Payment may, however, be made forthwith if the Commanding Officer is satisfied of the urgency of the case, and that the immediate withdrawal of the deposit would be for the advantage of the Depositor.

11. A Depositor withdrawing any sum cannot be permitted to re-invest it, or any part of it, the same day.

12. Interest is only payable when the total amount deposited is withdrawn.

13. No fractional part of a shilling may be withdrawn except when the Depositor's account is closed, and the interest

is paid; nor in the latter case is any fractional part of a penny to be paid.

Withdrawal List.

14. At the time of the payment of the amounts withdrawn the Paymaster shall prepare a list of the same, to which is to be appended a certificate to be signed by him, that the sums withdrawn have been debited in the Ledger Accounts and Pass Books, and the total amount credited in his Cash Account. A certificate to be signed by the witnessing officer appointed under Sec. 4 shall also be appended to the effect that the several sums withdrawn have been paid in his presence. The list is then to be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Depositors transferred.

15. When a Depositor is transferred from one ship to another, or if a Marine, from a Ship to Quarters, his account shall be closed on board the Ship he leaves, and unless he requires to withdraw his deposits, as provided by Sec. 10 of these regulations, it shall be re-opened on board the Ship or at the Quarters he joins, by a Transfer List showing the balance and interest due to him.

16. The Transfer List shall be made out and signed by the Paymaster and two copies made thereof. The original Transfer List, with the Depositor's Ledger Account, shall be sent to the Accountant-General of the Navy; the duplicate list shall be sent to the Ship or Quarters to which he may be transferred, and the triplicate list shall be retained on board the Ship issuing the Transfer List.

Depositors discharged or promoted.

17. On a Depositor being discharged the Service, or ceasing by promotion to be eligible to continue a Depositor, no further interest shall accrue on his deposits, but his account shall be closed, and he may either receive his money from a Paymaster, or have the same transferred for investment in a Post Office Savings Bank, or assigned for payment at the Admiralty Office.

Depositors sent to Hospital.

18. On a Depositor being sent to Hospital a Transfer List as provided for in Sec. 16 shall be sent with him, to be forwarded with his Pay Documents (should he be invalided)

to the Accountant-General of the Navy, or to the Ship the Depositor may join on his arrival home; the original of such list is to be sent in the usual manner to the Accountant-General of the Navy, but the Depositor's Ledger Account need not be sent, until it is known that the Depositor will not return to the Ship, when it is to be forwarded with a notation thereon showing the man's disposal.

19. The transaction is to be shown as an ordinary transfer issued in column 5 of the Abstract Account; and should a Depositor whose account is so transferred rejoin his Ship, the Transfer List is to be returned to him, and the amount of principal thereon is to be entered on the date of rejoining as a transfer received in column 3 of the Abstract Account.

Depositors dying.

20. On the death of a Depositor no further interest shall accrue on his deposits, but his account shall be closed and transferred, with his Pass Book, to the Accountant-General of the Navy, for settlement with his representatives. The amount is not to appear in the Paymaster's Cash Account, nor to be inserted in Form S. 46 (late S. 54), "Accounts of Dead and Run Men."

Transfers to Shore Banks.

21. A Depositor, while continuing in the Service, may have his account transferred to a Shore Bank, *i.e.*, a Dockyard or Divisional Bank, for the purpose of investment. In such case the procedure shown under Sec. 16 shall be followed—the original Transfer List with the Depositor's Ledger Account being sent to the Accountant-General of the Navy, duplicate list to the Shore Bank, and a triplicate list retained on board.

Interest.

22. Interest at the rate of £2 10*s.* per cent. per annum shall be allowed to Depositors on every complete pound deposited, such interest to commence on the first day of the month when the deposit is made during the first ten days of a month, and on the first of the following month on a deposit made during the remaining portion of a month; when the whole or any portion of the amount deposited is repaid, interest on the sum withdrawn is to close with the last day of the month preceding that in which the payment is made. On the 31st March in each year the interest due to each Depositor shall be computed, and so much of it as consists of

entire pounds and shillings shall be added to the principal of each account; any fractional part of a shilling shall remain as interest to be added to that subsequently accruing. The amounts carried over to principal shall be entered in the Pass Books of the respective Depositors, duly initialled by the Paymaster and verified by the initials of the witnessing officer appointed under Sec. 4.

The total amount of interest added to principal shall be credited in the Cash Account as a payment on account of interest and debited as a receipt on account of deposits and inserted in column 2 of the Abstract Account.

This regulation shall apply, however, only to new accounts in ships commissioned on and after the 1st January 1907 and to Depositors who, having opened such new accounts, may be subsequently transferred. Interest on accounts in Ships commissioned before that date, and on accounts transferred from such Ships, shall be calculated at the rate of £3 15*s.* per cent. per annum, but such interest is not to be added annually to principal, and shall only be paid to the Depositor when the whole balance is withdrawn.

Bank Ledger.

23. A Ledger shall be kept by the Paymaster, and secured under lock and key, in which are to be entered the several sums debited or credited to the account of each Depositor.

Abstract Account.

24. The Paymaster shall keep an Abstract Account for the deposits, withdrawals, and transfers, and regularly post therein, in order of date, the totals of the respective lists, and also the interest paid to Depositors. An extract from such Abstract Account shall be prepared monthly, showing the transactions and the particulars of transfers received from other banks during the period and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy; if no transactions should take place during any such period a "Nil" return is to be forwarded.

Entries in Pass Books and Ledger Accounts.

25. All amounts received (whether by transfer or in cash) during the first ten days of a month, shall be entered to the credit of the Depositor in his Pass Book on the day when received, but under date in the Ledger Account, for interest

purposes, from the first day of that month, and all amounts received from the eleventh to the last day of the month (both inclusive) are to be entered in the Pass Book on the day when received, but under date in the ledger, for interest purposes, from the first day of the succeeding month.

26. In like manner all amounts withdrawn during a month shall be entered in the Pass Book, to the debit of a Depositor on the day when withdrawn, but under date in the ledger, for interest purposes, from the first day of that month.

Transfers from Shore Banks.

27. Interest on an account transferred for investment from a Shore Bank to a Ship Bank, shall be extended from the date to which the interest was calculated on the Transfer List, at the rate of £2 10*s.* per cent. per annum, to the date when interest commences in the Ship Bank.

28. Where an amount to the credit of a Depositor in a Shore Bank is transferred to a Ship for payment, the same shall be brought to account in column 3 of the Abstract Account as a transfer received, and in column 4 as a withdrawal. When the whole account is transferred the interest paid shall be shown in column 7; such amounts are not to be passed through the Savings Bank Ledger; the payment is to be shown on a Withdrawal List, and the Transfer List received from the Shore Bank shall be attached thereto as a voucher.

Interest on an amount transferred for payment shall also be extended, at the rate of £2 10*s.* per cent. per annum, from the date to which interest was calculated on the Transfer List, to the last day of the month preceding that in which the payment is made.

Annual Schedule of Balances and Interest.

29. A Schedule shall be prepared from the Ledger of the balances and interest due to each Depositor on the 31st March in each year and also the amounts of interest added to principal on that date. The Schedule shall be prepared by the Paymaster and shall be signed by him and also by a Commissioned Officer (to be appointed by the Commanding Officer), who shall compare the amounts entered thereon with the amounts standing to each Depositor's credit in the Savings Bank Ledger, and append a certificate that such comparison has been made. The Schedule shall be forwarded as soon as practicable afterwards to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Supersession of Paymaster.

30. Whenever a Paymaster is superseded, he shall transmit to the Accountant-General of the Navy an Abstract Account for the whole period of his charge, in the same form as rendered when a Ship is paid off. The balance of such account shall be verified by comparison with a Schedule, to be prepared from the Savings Bank Ledger, of the amounts due to the Depositors.

31. The preparation of this Schedule shall be superintended by a Commissioned Officer, to be appointed by the Commanding Officer; such officer shall also require the production of the Depositors' Pass Books, and compare in each case the balance shown as due, with the amount standing to the Depositors' credit in his Pass Book, and in the Savings Bank Ledger, previously to signing the certificate at the foot of the Schedule, which is also to be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Pay off.

32. When a Ship is paid off, all Depositors may have their principal and interest, or any part of the same—

(1) Paid in cash by the Paymaster in the presence of the Commanding Officer, at the time the crew are paid their wages.

(2) Remitted for payment at their own homes on Form S. 66.

(3) Transferred to a Receiving Ship or Naval Barracks or a Dockyard Bank (in the case of Seamen) or a Marine Bank (in the case of Marines) for payment.

(4) Transferred to a Dockyard Bank (in the case of Continuous Service Seamen) or a Marine Bank (in the case of Marines) for the purpose of continuing the investment.

(5) Assigned for payment at the Admiralty Office.

(6) Transferred to the Accountant-General of the Navy for investment in a Post Office Savings Bank, on the distinct understanding, however, that it is not with a view of Depositors shortly withdrawing the amounts so transferred.

33. The amounts remitted on Form S. 66 are first to be treated as withdrawals from the bank, and entered in the Withdrawal List, the Paymaster crediting himself with the amounts.

34. In the case of a Ship paid off abroad, the account of any Depositor whose time is not expired, or who volunteers for the new commission, or for any other Ship on the station, shall, subject to his general liberty of withdrawal and liberty of investment under the above provisions, be transferred to the Ship he joins.

35. When a Ship is ordered to be paid off, a notice shall be posted in some conspicuous place on board, calling the attention of Depositors to the several alternatives open to them.

36. After ascertaining the wishes of the Depositors the Paymaster shall close the Ledger Accounts, make out the requisite Transfer Lists, prepare the final Withdrawal List, and after insertion of the several transactions in the Abstract Account, balance the same, taking care that the total of principal in the final Withdrawal List agrees with the aggregate balance of the same appearing due in the Abstract Account.

37. The sums then due to the Depositors, as scheduled in the final Withdrawal List for payment in cash, shall be paid in the presence of the Commanding Officer at the time the Ship's Company are paid their wages.

38. Should a Depositor fail to present himself to receive the amount due to him at the pay off, a Transfer List assigning the amount due for payment by the Accountant-General of the Navy shall be made out and transmitted with the final Withdrawal List.

39. The final Withdrawal List, the Abstract Account, and the ledger, with all other Savings Bank documents on board, shall then be sent to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Transfers to Post Office Savings Bank.

40. As regards transfers to the Post Office Savings Bank (which are to be effected for the purpose only of continuing the investment of Depositors' money), the Paymaster shall send to the Accountant-General of the Navy a list of the amounts to be so invested, accompanied by a declaration from each Depositor in the Form prescribed by the Postmaster-General.

Ledger Accounts.

41. All Depositors' accounts closed either by withdrawal or transfer shall be removed from the ledger and sent to the Accountant-General of the Navy with the Withdrawal or

Duplicate Transfer Lists in which the balances withdrawn or transferred respectively appear, observing that these directions do not apply to the final Withdrawal List, which is to be accompanied by the ledger itself.

Deserters' Accounts.

42. Interest on the balance of deposits due to a deserter shall cease on the last day of the month preceding that in which the desertion occurs.

In the event of a deserter being subsequently recovered interest on the balance of deposits due on his account shall recommence on the first day of the month following the date of recovery.

All unpaid accounts of deserters shall be transferred, at the close of the Commission, to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Transfers to Admiralty.

43. When a Depositor's account is assigned for payment at the Admiralty, the Transfer List shall be prepared in duplicate only, the original list being sent direct to the Accountant-General of the Navy and the Ship's copy being retained on board.

Home Station Ships having no Bank.

44. In Home Station Ships having no bank on board (to which the foreging regulations do not apply) the following Rules shall be observed :—

(*a*) When Depositors' accounts are transferred for payment the Paymaster shall at the time of payment prepare a Withdrawal List, to which shall be appended a certificate to be signed by him, that the amounts have been duly paid. The payments shall be witnessed by a Commissioned Officer, to be appointed by the Commanding Officer, who shall initial the entries of the transactions in the Depositors' Pass Books. The signatures of the Depositors shall be obtained on the Withdrawal List as receipts for the amounts entered against their names.

(*b*) In any case where a Depositor's Pass Book cannot be produced, payment shall not be made without authority from the Accountant-General of the Navy, to whom information of the circumstances shall be reported.

(*c*) The Withdrawal List is to be sent, with the Transfer Lists attached thereto, and the Depositors' Pass Books, to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

(*d*) Should any Depositor whose account may be so transferred not apply for his money within two months after the receipt on board of the Transfer List, such list shall be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy, with a notation of the circumstances thereon.

(*e*) In any case where it is known on board that a Depositor for whom a Transfer List has been received has proceeded to another Ship, such Transfer List, or where several names are included in the same list, an extract from such list shall be forwarded to the Ship which the man has joined.

(*f*) In any case where a Depositor applies for payment of his account and a Transfer List for the same has not been received, information of the circumstances shall be reported to the Accountant-General of the Navy, who will issue an authority for payment, if practicable.

(*g*) In the event of the Admiralty portion or Ship's (triplicate) copy of a Transfer List being received on board, payment shall not be made, but the list in question shall be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy with a report as to the circumstances of its receipt.

(*h*) Interest on an account transferred for payment is, where necessary, to be extended from the date to which the interest was calculated on the Transfer List, to the last day of the month preceding the date of payment.

Cash Voucher.

45. A voucher in which the amounts received and paid during a month shall be respectively shown shall accompany the Paymaster's Cash Account.

Transaction not to appear in Pay Documents or Ships' Books.

46. No transaction arising out of the business of Naval Savings Banks shall be shown in any way in the Depositors' Pay Documents or the Ships' Books, but the records of the same shall be kept perfectly distinct and disconnected from

all other accounts, excepting only the Paymaster's Cash Accounts, in which shall be debited and credited respectively the amounts deposited and withdrawn on board ship.

Mutual Benefit Societies.

47. The funds of Mutual Benefit Societies formed on board H.M. Ships may be invested in the Naval Savings Banks subject to the following rules:—

1. The Admiralty will in no way be responsible in regard to the management of the affairs of the Society, its stability, or the distribution of its funds.
2. Deposits will be received from a Society composed only of Petty Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy, and Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Royal Marines.
3. Such Society must be approved of by the Commanding Officer of the Ship, and have a duly elected Secretary or other responsible Officers and Committee, a list of whom shall be deposited in the hands of the Paymaster.
4. The bank business connected with the Society will be transacted with the Secretary or other Officer direct, who with the Committee will be answerable to the members of the Society for the due administration of the funds.
5. An account shall be opened in the Naval Savings Bank Ledger on board bearing the title of the Society, viz.:—"Mutual Benefit Society of H.M.S. ," in which shall be posted all receipts and payments in connection with the Society.
6. No amount less than one pound sterling nor any fractional part of a pound sterling shall be received into, or withdrawn from, the bank on account of the Society.
7. This Trust Fund Account shall be kept entirely distinct from any personal account of the Officer in whose name the deposits are made on behalf of the Society.
8. Withdrawals shall be made on written requisitions signed by two members of the Committee, such requisitions shall contain a form of receipt for the amount withdrawn.
9. The receipts for the amounts withdrawn shall be signed by the Secretary or other representative Officer.

10. Deposits and Withdrawals are to be entered by the Paymaster in the ordinary Deposit and Withdrawal Lists (Forms S. 475 and S. 477) amongst those of other Depositors, the title of the Society being inserted in the space provided for the Depositor's name.

11. The authorities mentioned in Clause 8, under which payments are made to the Secretary or other representative Officer, are to be appended to the Withdrawal Lists as vouchers.

REGULATIONS for the CONDUCT of NAVAL SAVINGS BANKS in H.M. DOCKYARDS.

Articles 410 *to* 423, *Cashier's Instructions.*

Naval Savings Banks.

(1) Naval Savings Banks are established in His Majesty's Dockyards at Chatham, Sheerness, Portsmouth, and Devonport, for the receipt of deposits from seamen of the Royal Navy in pursuance of "The Naval Savings Bank Act, 1866," and Order in Council of the 2nd March 1881.

The Cashier is regarded as the Manager of the bank, and its general supervision is to be vested in the superintendent.

Hours of business.

(2) The bank is to be open for the receipt and withdrawal of deposits every day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. except on Saturdays, when it will close at noon. It will be closed on Sundays and public holidays, and on days when the Yard is closed.

Minimum deposit.

(3) No sum less than one shilling is to be received, nor any fractional part of a shilling. Subject to this the Cashier is to receive from any person, other than a Marine, entitled under the Act to be a Depositor in the Naval Savings Bank, any sum of money tendered or remitted for deposit.

Depositor's certificate. Form 573.

(4) Every Depositor is to be furnished with an acknowledgment of his having opened an account, and this should be produced whenever he appears personally at the bank, and previously to any withdrawals under Article 8. If the account is opened by cash personally tendered, the acknowledgment is to be handed to him by the Cashier; if by means of allotment or remittance, it is to be transmitted to him through the Commanding Officer of his ship. Deposits personally tendered and payments to the Depositors direct from the bank are to be entered on the Form of acknowledgment, and such entries are to be verified by the initials of the Cashier.

(5) For each Depositor an account is to be opened in the bank ledgers, in which all deposits and withdrawals are to be entered at the time of receipt or payment, and verified by the initials of the Cashier. **Bank ledgers. Form 584.**

The ledgers are to be kept under lock and key in the custody of the Cashier.

Depositors may be allowed to inspect, and, should they request it, be furnished with statements of, their accounts.

(6) A seaman afloat may remit sums of not less than one pound through the Paymaster of his ship for deposit in a Yard Bank. He may also make an allotment of his pay for investment in a Yard Bank. Where a deposit is made by allotment the requisite authority will be issued by the Accountant-General of the Navy. **Deposits, allotments, and remittances.**

The amounts allotted or remitted are to be regarded as transfer transactions only, to be taken credit for by the Cashier in his Cash Account as payments on account of allotments or remittances, and debited as receipts on account of Naval Savings Banks.

The total amount credited in the Depositors' accounts each month on account of allotments is to be brought to account in one sum in the Cash Account, and the amount reported to the Accountant-General of the Navy on the prescribed form. A detailed list of the deposits made by allotment is to be transmitted quarterly to the Accountant-General of the Navy, showing the allotment number and the monthly credits in the Depositor's account in respect of each allotment. **List of allotments. Form 575.**

(7) The Cashier is to forward to the Accountant-General of the Navy a list of amounts deposited each day in cash or by remittance, certifying that they have been credited in the Depositor's accounts and debited in his Cash Account. **List of deposits. Form 574.**

(8) A Depositor on applying at the bank within the prescribed hours, and producing the acknowledgment referred to in Article 4 and other evidence of his identity, if deemed necessary, may withdraw the whole or any part of his deposits. **Withdrawals.**

A Depositor may, while serving afloat, and absent from the port, withdraw the whole or any part of his money on forwarding to the Cashier a request for the same, certified by the Commanding Officer of the ship in which he is serving (*see* Article 9); or payment of the whole or any portion of his money may be made to another person on the Depositor's order, certified by his Commanding Officer. In the latter case, the order for payment is to be prepared on board the Depositor's ship in duplicate, one copy to be forwarded to the Cashier, and the other to the payee. **Depositors afloat. Form S. 495. Payment to nominee. Form S. 494.**

Depositors on leave. Form 576.

If a Depositor who is on leave at a distance from the port wishes to be paid the whole or a portion of his money, the Cashier is to forward to him a form of request for his signature before a magistrate, or other competent authority. On its return duly signed and attested, accompanied by the acknowledgment referred to in Article 4, the Cashier will remit the money. If, however, the Cashier should entertain any doubt of the applicant's title he is to make such further inquiry and obtain such further evidence as he may deem requisite.

Re-investment.

A Depositor withdrawing any sum cannot be permitted to re-invest it, or any part of it, the same day.

Interest.

Accruing interest is only payable when the total amount deposited is withdrawn.

No fractional part of a shilling may be withdrawn, except when a Depositor's account is closed and the interest is paid. In the latter case no fractional part of a penny is to be paid.

Withdrawal list. Form 577.

At the close of each day upon which withdrawals take place, the Cashier is to total the Withdrawal List, and take credit for the total amount withdrawn in his cash account. The list is to be duly certified by himself, and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy. The signatures on the list are to be attested by a witness. The authorities under which payments are made to Depositors or to other persons by their order are to be appended to the list as vouchers.

Transfer of account to ship. Form S. 496.

Transfer list. Form 578.

(9) A Depositor may have his money transferred to the ship to which he belongs for the investment in the Ship Bank, or he may have the whole or portion of his money transferred for payment on board. In either case, the Cashier, on receipt of a request from the Depositor, duly certified by the Commanding Officer of his ship, is to issue in duplicate a Transfer List for the amount, one copy to be sent to the Commanding Officer of the Ship, and the other to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

A similar course is to be pursued on the transfer of a Depositor's account from one Dockyard Bank to another.

Transfer from ship. Form 579.

A continuous service seaman who is a Depositor in a ship may, on being paid off, have his account transferred to a Dockyard Bank. The Cashier is to forward to the Accountant-General of the Navy an abstract of such transfers at the end of every month.

Interest.

(10) Interest at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum is to be allowed to Depositors on every complete pound deposited. Deposits made during the first 10 days of each month are to bear interest from the first day of the month, and those made

during the remainder of the month from the first day of the following month. When the whole or any portion of the amount deposited is repaid, or transferred under the preceding Article, interest on the sum withdrawn is to cease with the last day of the month preceding that in which the payment or transfer is made.

Remittances.

As regards deposits by remittance, the date of the issue of the remittance list on board ship is to be taken as the date of the receipt of the deposits into the bank.

Accounts transferred from ships.

Interest on an account transferred from a ship commissioned before 1st January 1907, or an account transferred from a ship commissioned after 1st January 1907 which had been transferred from a ship commissioned prior to that date, is to be calculated at the rate of $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. per annum (simple interest) to the date when interest commences in the Dockyard Bank.

Interest is to be computed to the 31st March in each year, and then so much of it as consists of entire pounds and shillings is to be added to the principal of each account, any fractional part of a shilling is to remain as interest to be added to that subsequently accruing. The total amount carried over to principal is to be taken credit for in the Cash Account as a payment on account of interest, and debited as a receipt on account of deposits, and inserted in column 2 of the Abstract Account (*see* Article 11).

Abstract account. Form 580.

(11) The Cashier is to keep an Abstract Account of the deposits, withdrawals, and transfers, and post therein daily the totals of the respective lists, and also the interest paid to depositors.

The Abstract Account is to be balanced on the 31st March in each year and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Schedule of balances. Form 583.

(12) On the 31st March in each year a schedule of the balances and interest due to Depositors to that date is to be prepared, and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy, with the Abstract Account. The Cashier is to append a certificate of its accuracy.

Closed accounts.

(13) All Depositors' accounts, when closed by the withdrawal or transfer of their entire balances, are to be removed from the ledger and sent to the Accountant-General of the Navy, with the Withdrawal or Transfer Lists.

With a view to closing old accounts the ledgers are to be frequently inspected, and application is to be made to the

Depositors on leave. Form 576.

If a Depositor who is on leave at a distance from the port wishes to be paid the whole or a portion of his money, the Cashier is to forward to him a form of request for his signature before a magistrate, or other competent authority. On its return duly signed and attested, accompanied by the acknowledgment referred to in Article 4, the Cashier will remit the money. If, however, the Cashier should entertain any doubt of the applicant's title he is to make such further inquiry and obtain such further evidence as he may deem requisite.

Re-investment.

A Depositor withdrawing any sum cannot be permitted to re-invest it, or any part of it, the same day.

Interest.

Accruing interest is only payable when the total amount deposited is withdrawn.

No fractional part of a shilling may be withdrawn, except when a Depositor's account is closed and the interest is paid. In the latter case no fractional part of a penny is to be paid.

Withdrawal list. Form 577.

At the close of each day upon which withdrawals take place, the Cashier is to total the Withdrawal List, and take credit for the total amount withdrawn in his cash account. The list is to be duly certified by himself, and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy. The signatures on the list are to be attested by a witness. The authorities under which payments are made to Depositors or to other persons by their order are to be appended to the list as vouchers.

Transfer of account to ship. Form S. 496.

Transfer list. Form 578.

(9) A Depositor may have his money transferred to the ship to which he belongs for the investment in the Ship Bank, or he may have the whole or portion of his money transferred for payment on board. In either case, the Cashier, on receipt of a request from the Depositor, duly certified by the Commanding Officer of his ship, is to issue in duplicate a Transfer List for the amount, one copy to be sent to the Commanding Officer of the Ship, and the other to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

A similar course is to be pursued on the transfer of a Depositor's account from one Dockyard Bank to another.

Transfer from ship. Form 579.

A continuous service seaman who is a Depositor in a ship may, on being paid off, have his account transferred to a Dockyard Bank. The Cashier is to forward to the Accountant-General of the Navy an abstract of such transfers at the end of every month.

Interest.

(10) Interest at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum is to be allowed to Depositors on every complete pound deposited. Deposits made during the first 10 days of each month are to bear interest from the first day of the month, and those made

during the remainder of the month from the first day of the following month. When the whole or any portion of the amount deposited is repaid, or transferred under the preceding Article, interest on the sum withdrawn is to cease with the last day of the month preceding that in which the payment or transfer is made.

Remittances.

As regards deposits by remittance, the date of the issue of the remittance list on board ship is to be taken as the date of the receipt of the deposits into the bank.

Accounts transferred from ships.

Interest on an account transferred from a ship commissioned before 1st January 1907, or an account transferred from a ship commissioned after 1st January 1907 which had been transferred from a ship commissioned prior to that date, is to be calculated at the rate of $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. per annum (simple interest) to the date when interest commences in the Dockyard Bank.

Interest is to be computed to the 31st March in each year, and then so much of it as consists of entire pounds and shillings is to be added to the principal of each account, any fractional part of a shilling is to remain as interest to be added to that subsequently accruing. The total amount carried over to principal is to be taken credit for in the Cash Account as a payment on account of interest, and debited as a receipt on account of deposits, and inserted in column 2 of the Abstract Account (*see* Article 11).

Abstract account. Form 580.

(11) The Cashier is to keep an Abstract Account of the deposits, withdrawals, and transfers, and post therein daily the totals of the respective lists, and also the interest paid to depositors.

The Abstract Account is to be balanced on the 31st March in each year and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Schedule of balances. Form 583.

(12) On the 31st March in each year a schedule of the balances and interest due to Depositors to that date is to be prepared, and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy, with the Abstract Account. The Cashier is to append a certificate of its accuracy.

Closed accounts.

(13) All Depositors' accounts, when closed by the withdrawal or transfer of their entire balances, are to be removed from the ledger and sent to the Accountant-General of the Navy, with the Withdrawal or Transfer Lists.

With a view to closing old accounts the ledgers are to be frequently inspected, and application is to be made to the

Accountant-General of the Navy for the addresses of the Depositors whose accounts show no transactions over a period of two years. The wishes of such depositors in regard to their accounts are to be ascertained.

Death, promotion, or desertion of depositor.

On receipt of information of the death, discharge, promotion to warrant rank, or desertion of a Depositor, his account is to be closed and transferred to the Accountant-General of the Navy, and no further interest shall accrue from the date of such discharge, &c.

Correspondence.

(14) All communications of a routine nature from the Accountant-General of the Navy relative to Naval Savings Bank business will be addressed direct to the Cashier.

REGULATIONS for the CONDUCT of NAVAL SAVINGS BANKS at the ROYAL MARINE DIVISIONS.

Naval Savings Banks.

1. Naval Savings Banks are established in each Division at Chatham, Eastney, Forton, and Plymouth for the receipt of deposits from Warrant or Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Marines, serving at Headquarters or borne on the books of any of H.M. Ships in pursuance of "The Naval Savings Bank Act, 1866," and Order in Council of the 10th March 1882.

The Paymaster is regarded as the Manager of the bank, and its general supervision is to be vested in the Colonel Commandant.

Hours of business.

2. The bank is to be open for the receipt and withdrawal of deposits every day between such hours as the Colonel Commandant shall appoint. The bank will be closed on Sundays.

Minimum deposit.

3. No sum less than one shilling is to be received, nor any fractional part of a shilling. Subject to this, the Paymaster is to receive any sum of money tendered or remitted for deposit.

Depositor's certificate. Form R. 338.

4. Every Depositor is to be furnished with an acknowledgment of his having opened an account, and this should be produced whenever he appears personally at the bank, and previous to any withdrawals under Article 8.

If the account is opened by cash personally tendered, the acknowledgment is to be handed to him by the Paymaster; if by means of allotment or remittances, it is to be transmitted by the Paymaster to him through the Commanding Officer of his ship. Deposits personally tendered and payments to the Depositors direct from the bank are to be entered

on the Form of acknowledgment, and such entries are to be verified by the initials of the Paymaster.

5. For each Depositor an account is to be opened in the bank ledgers in which all deposits and withdrawals are to be entered at the time of receipt or payment, and verified by the initials of the Paymaster. **Bank ledgers.**

The ledgers are to be kept under lock and key in the custody of the Paymaster.

Depositors may be allowed to inspect, and, should they request it, be furnished with statement of, their accounts.

6. A Marine afloat may remit sums of not less than one pound through the Paymaster of his ship for deposit in a Divisional Bank. He may also make an allotment of his pay for investment in a Divisional Bank. **Allotments and remittances.**

Where a deposit is made by allotment the requisite authority will be issued by the Accountant-General of the Navy.

The amounts allotted or remitted are to be regarded as transfer transactions only, to be taken credit for by the Paymaster in his Cash Account as payments on account of allotments or remittances, and debited as receipts on account of Naval Savings Banks.

7. The Paymaster is to forward to the Accountant-General of the Navy a list of amounts deposited each day in cash or by remittance, certifying that they have been credited in the Depositors' accounts and debited in his Cash Account. **List of deposits. Form R. 330.**

The total amount credited in the Depositors' accounts each month on account of allotments is to be brought to account in one sum in the Cash Account and the amount reported to the Accountant-General of the Navy on the prescribed form. A detailed list of the deposits made by allotment is to be transmitted quarterly to the Accountant-General of the Navy showing the allotment number and the monthly credit in the Depositor's account in respect of each allotment. **List of allotments. Form R. 330A.**

8. A Depositor on applying at the bank within the prescribed hours, and producing the acknowledgment referred to in Article 4, and other evidence of his identity, if deemed necessary, may withdraw the whole or any part of his deposits. **Withdrawals.**

A Depositor may while serving afloat, and absent from the Division, withdraw the whole or any part of his money on forwarding to the Divisional Paymaster a request for the **Depositors afloat. Form S. 499.**

same, certified by the Commanding Officer of the ship on which he is serving; or payment of the whole or any portion of his money may be made to another person on the Depositor's order, certified by his Commanding Officer. In the latter case, the order for payment is to be prepared on board the Depositor's ship in duplicate, one copy to be forwarded to the Divisional Paymaster, and the other to the payee.

Payment to nominee. Form S. 498.

Depositors on leave. Form R. 340.

If a Depositor who is on leave at a distance from the Division wishes to be paid the whole or a portion of his money, the Divisional Paymaster is to forward to him a form of request for his signature before a magistrate, or other competent authority. On its return duly signed and attested, accompanied by the acknowledgment referred to in Article 4, the Divisional Paymaster will remit the money. If, however, the Paymaster should entertain any doubt of the applicant's title, he is to make such further inquiry, and obtain such further evidence as he may deem requisite.

Re-investment.

A Depositor withdrawing any sum cannot be permitted to re-invest it, or any part of it, the same day.

Interest.

Accruing interest is only payable when the total amount deposited is withdrawn.

No fractional part of a shilling may be withdrawn, except when a Depositor's account is closed, and the interest is paid. In the latter case no fractional part of a penny is to be paid.

Withdrawal list. R. 331.

At the close of each day upon which withdrawals take place, the Paymaster is to total the withdrawal list, and take credit for the total amount withdrawn in his Cash Account. The list is to be duly certified by himself, verified by a witness, and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy. The authorities under which payments are made to Depositors, or to other persons by their order, are to be appended to the list as vouchers.

Transfer of account to ship. Form S. 499.

Transfer list. Form R. 334.

9. A Depositor may have his money transferred to the ship to which he belongs for investment in the Ship Bank, or he may have the whole or a portion of his money transferred for payment on board. In either case, the Divisional Paymaster on receipt of a request from the Depositor, duly certified by the Commanding Officer of his ship, is to issue in duplicate a Transfer List for the amount, one copy to be sent to the Commanding Officer of the ship, and the other to the Accountant-General of the Navy. A similar course is to be pursued on the transfer of a Depositor's account from one Divisional Bank to another.

The account of a Depositor in a ship may, when the ship is paid off, be transferred to the bank at his Division. The Divisional Paymaster is to forward at the end of every month to the Accountant-General of the Navy an abstract of such transfers. **Transfer from ship. Form R. 335.**

10. Interest at the rate of £2 10*s.* per cent. per annum is to be allowed to Depositors on every complete pound deposited. Deposits made during the first 10 days of each month are to bear interest from the first day of the month, and those made during the remainder of the month from the first day of the following month. When the whole or any portion of the amount deposited is repaid, or transferred under the preceding article, interest on the sum withdrawn is to cease with the last day of the month preceding that in which the payment is made. **Interest.**

As regards deposits by remittance, the date of the issue of the remittance list on board ship is to be taken as the date of the receipt of the deposits into the bank. **Remittances.**

Interest is to be computed to the 31st March in each year, and then so much of it as consists of entire pounds and shillings is to be added to the principal of each account; any fractional part of a shilling is to remain as interest to be added to that subsequently accruing. The total amount carried over to principal is to be taken credit for in the cash account as a payment on account of interest, and debited as a receipt on account of deposits, and inserted in column 2 of the Abstract Account.

Interest on an account transferred from a ship commissioned before 1st January 1907, or on an account transferred from a ship commissioned after 1st January 1907 which had been transferred from a ship commissioned prior to that date is to be calculated at the rate of £3 15*s.* per cent. per annum (simple interest) to the date when interest commences in the Divisional bank. **Accounts transferred from ships.**

11. The paymaster is to keep an abstract account of the deposits, withdrawals, and transfers, and post therein daily the totals of the respective lists, and also the interest paid to depositors. **Abstract account. Form R. 336.**

The abstract account is to be balanced on the 31st March in each year and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

12. Within a week after the 31st March in each year a schedule of the balances and interest due to Depositors to that date is to be prepared and forwarded to the Accountant- **Schedule of balances. Form R. 337.**

General of the Navy with the abstract account. The Examiner of Accounts is to append a certificate of its accuracy.

Closed accounts.

13. All Depositors' accounts when closed by the withdrawal or transfer of their entire balances are to be removed from the ledger and sent to the Accountant-General of the Navy with the withdrawal or transfer lists.

With a view to the closing of old accounts the ledgers are to be frequently inspected, and in cases when accounts show no transactions over a period of two years the wishes of the Depositors in regard to their accounts are to be ascertained.

Death, promotion, or desertion of a depositor.

On receipt of information of the death, discharge, promotion beyond the rank of warrant or non-commissioned officers, or desertion of a Depositor, his account is to be closed and transferred to the Accountant-General of the Navy, and no further interest shall accrue from the date of such discharge, &c.

14. The Savings Bank Clerks employed at the several Divisions of Headquarters of the Royal Marines, according to the number of the accounts open in the respective banks during each month, shall be paid as follows:—

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From	1 to	50	accounts, inclusive	-	2	6	per month.
,,	51 ,,	75	,, ,,	-	3	6	,,
,,	76 ,,	100	,, ,,	-	4	6	,,
,,	101 ,,	150	,, ,,	-	6	0	,,
,,	151 ,,	200	,, ,,	-	7	6	,,
And for every additional 50				- -	2	6	,,

The payments of these allowances shall be taken credit for by the paymasters in their cash accounts under the detailed head of "Naval Savings Banks Imprest Account."

And whereas on account of special reasons it is desirable that the said regulations should come into immediate operation.

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed, and is further pleased to order that the said regulations shall come into operation forthwith as *provisional rules* within the meaning of the Rules Publication Act, 1893. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

No. 147*. *28th July* 1906.

G.H.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL—APPOINTMENT OF A "RECEIVER AND AGENT FOR THE GREENWICH ESTATE." SALARY OF CHIEF OFFICER OF R.H. SCHOOL.

WHEREAS by the 20th section of an Act passed in the 29th year of Her late Majesty's reign, chapter 89, entitled "The Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865," it is, amongst other things, enacted that the Admiralty shall from time to time continue or appoint such Officers, Clerks, and Servants for the purposes of the Hospital and Schools as seem fit, and may (subject to the approval of Your Majesty in Council) fix the salaries of such Officers and Clerks;

And whereas we deem it expedient that there should be an Officer of Greenwich Hospital styled the "Receiver and Agent for the Greenwich Estate," charged, amongst other things, with the duty of collecting the rents and supervising the works and repairs on the Estate at Greenwich and at the Royal Hospital School;

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize a salary not exceeding £300 per annum, with residence, to be attached to this appointment, dating from the 1st April 1905. The appointment will not confer any claim to pension or gratuity;

And whereas the present salary of the Officer charged with the supervision of the staff of instructors and servants at the Royal Hospital School, Greenwich, is at the rate of £100 by £4 a year to £120, with quarters;

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable that this salary should now be revised;

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize the scale of Salary of the Chief Officer to be at the rate and on the scale of £100 to £145, rising by £5 a year, with quarters, and to authorize an immediate increase of salary of £10 to the present holder of the appointment. The improved scale of salary to come into operation as on the 14th June 1906.

No. 148. *22nd October* 1906.

N.

CHAPLAINS, R.N.—SHORT SERVICE SYSTEM EXTENDED.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the ninth day of October 1903 a system of short service was instituted for Chaplains in Your Majesty's Navy:

And whereas we consider it desirable in the interests of Your Majesty's Navy to extend that system:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the existing regulations being extended as follows:—

1. All Chaplains to be entered for a period not exceeding four years, their further employment in the Navy to be at our discretion.
2. At the expiration of the period of four years on full pay, if a Chaplain is not retained by us a gratuity of £500 may be awarded to him.
3. All Chaplains may be permitted—at our discretion—to withdraw from the Navy with gratuities calculated on the scale established by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the ninth day of October 1903, irrespective of their age on entry.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{10873.}{1906.}$

No. 149. *22nd October* 1906.

N.

OFFICERS OF THE AUSTRALASIAN BRANCH, R.N.R., AND CREWS OF SHIPS TO BE MANNED UNDER NAVAL AGREEMENT, 1903—ALLOWANCES, &c.

Adaptation of Naval and R.N.R. Regulations.

WHEREAS it is desirable to modify in certain respects the existing Regulations of Your Majesty's Navy and the Royal Naval Reserve so as to make them applicable as may be requisite to—

(1) the Officers of the Australasian Branch of the Royal Naval Reserve, and

(2) the crews of certain ships to be manned by Australian or New Zealand men under the terms of the Naval Agreement entered into in the year 1903 between Your Majesty's Government and the Governments of the Commonwealth of Australia and of New Zealand respectively, and to enable special payment to be made to these officers and men:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the allowances and gratuities as set forth below, the system of payment to be determined by us in consultation with Your Majesty's Treasury:—

I. Officers of the Reserve, when called out for actual service in the Royal Navy, may be granted the following equipment allowances:—

	£
Lieutenants - - -	50
Sub-Lieutenants - - -	40

When appointed for 12 months' training these officers are to receive half the above equipment allowances, but no further payment on account of equipment is to be made unless an officer who has received half the equipment allowance is called out for actual service, in which case he will receive the remaining half of the allowance. Sub-Lieutenants appointed Acting Lieutenants or promoted to Lieutenant while serving are to be entitled to the higher scale, but payments are to be so regulated as to ensure that the maximum amount receivable by an officer during his career will not exceed £50 in the case of Lieutenants and £40 in that of Sub-Lieutenants.

II. The following special allowances may be paid to the crews of the ships specified in the Agreement in addition to the ordinary Imperial rates of pay (Continuous Service) and the Imperial allowances for badges and gunnery and torpedo qualifications:—

Boys, and all ratings under 18 years of age - - - -	1*s.* a day.
Ordinary Seamen, and Domestics over 18 years of age - - -	2*s.* ,,
All other ratings, including Petty Officers - - - -	3*s.* ,,

Men forming these crews may also be credited on entry with a combined Clothing and Bedding Gratuity of £6, to be raised to a sum not exceeding £10 in cases where we consider an increased gratuity desirable.

No. 149 *Admiralty Orders in Council.*

We beg leave further to recommend that in regard to the travelling expenses of the Officers of the Reserve the general Regulations of Your Majesty's Navy and the Royal Naval Reserve be varied with the sanction of Your Majesty's Treasury to suit the circumstances of the Australasian Branch of the Reserve.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{10870.}{1906.}$

No. 150. *22nd October* 1906.
N.

PROVISION OF FOREIGN PERIODICALS, &c. FOR H.M. SHIPS.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the present system of supplying foreign literature to the Ships of Your Majesty's Navy for the purpose of encouraging the study of foreign languages by the Junior Officers, which necessitates demands being forwarded to the Admiralty for approval and then transmitted to Your Majesty's Stationery Office.

And whereas we consider the supply of such literature could be obtained in a simpler and more convenient manner if the Commanding Officers of Your Majesty's Ships were authorised to make their own arrangements within certain limits.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction a sum not exceeding Five Pounds per annum being placed at the disposal of the Commanding Officer of each Ship bearing Midshipmen, for the provision of such current journals, magazines, and books as may be deemed desirable.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{10874.}{1906.}$

No. 151. *22nd October* 1906.
N.

ALLOWANCES TO ENGINEER OFFICERS ON STAFF OF MECHANICAL TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the pay and allowances of certain Engineer Officers appointed for duty at the Mechanical Training Establishments for Boy Artificers and Mechanicians:

And whereas we are of opinion that these Officers should receive extra pay for the duty in question:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the grant of an allowance of Five Shillings a day to the Engineer Commander on the Staff of the Inspecting Captain, and Three Shillings a day to the Senior Engineer Lieutenant appointed for supervision of the Mechanicians Training Establishment, these allowances to be retrospective where necessary to the respective dates of the appointments of the Officers in question.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. 10875./1906.

No. 152. *22nd October* 1906.
N.

FLAG ALLOWANCES—SCALE REVISED. ALLOWANCE GRANTED TO EXECUTIVE COMMANDER.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the position of the Commander appointed as Executive Officer on board the Flag Ships of Commanders-in-Chief and other Flag Officers:

And whereas we are of opinion that the duties and responsibilities of this Officer justify the grant to him of a Flag allowance similar to that payable to certain other Officers in the Flag Ships:

And whereas we consider it desirable that the present Scale of Flag allowances generally should be revised with a view to all being regulated on the same general principles:

No. 152 *Admiralty Orders in Council.*

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be pleased to sanction the substitution of the allowances shewn in the accompanying Schedule for those at present authorised, such allowances to come into force in the case of the Executive Commanders as from the first day of January 1907 and, in the other cases, as Officers complete their existing appointments.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in the foregoing proposal.

SCHEDULE.

Classes of Officers.	In Ships bearing the Flag of a Commander-in-Chief.	In Ships bearing other Flags or Broad Pendants.
	A day.	A day.
Commander (Executive) - - - -	5*s.* 0*d.*	2*s.* 6*d.*
Commander (N) - - - - - -	5*s.* 0*d.*	2*s.* 6*d.*
Lieutenant (N) - - - - - -	5*s.* 0*d.*	2*s.* 6*d.*
Engineer Commander or Engineer Lieutenant (Senior List):—		
If an Engineer Captain is attached for service of the Fleet, and is not accommodated on board the Flag Ship - - -	2*s.* 6*d.*	2*s.* 6*d.*
If the Engineer Captain is absent from the Fleet 30 days, or if none is borne - -	5*s.* 0*d.*	2*s.* 6*d.*
If the Engineer Captain is accommodated on board - - - - - -	No allowance	No allowance
Senior Officer of Royal Marine Detachment -	5*s.* 0*d.*	2*s.* 6*d*
Fleet or Staff Surgeon - - - -	5*s.* 0*d.*	2*s.* 6*d.**
Paymaster-in-Chief, Fleet Paymaster, Staff Paymaster, or Paymaster - - - -	5*s.* 0*d.*	2*s.* 6*d.*

* At the discretion of the Admiralty in the case of the Ship of a Flag Officer or a Commodore who is not in command of a Station.

N. 10872. 1906.

No. 153. *22nd October* 1906.

N.

COMMUTED ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF SERVANTS TO CAPTAINS, R.N.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the fifth day of February 1870, a scale of commuted allowances was established to be paid to certain Officers of Your Majesty's Navy in lieu of the servants allowed to them at the public cost:

And whereas we are of opinion that we should have power to grant such commuted allowances to any Captain in whose case we may consider such composition to be desirable:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the grant at our discretion to any Captain in Your Majesty's Navy of a commuted allowance of One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds per annum in lieu of the servants to which he would otherwise be entitled, such commuted allowance being retrospective, in the case of the Inspecting Captain in charge of the Mechanical Training Establishments at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Devonport, to the date of the appointment of the Officer in question.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{10871.}{1906.}$

No. 154. *22nd October* 1906.

N.

ALLOWANCE TO OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR SIGNALLING DUTIES IN A FLEET.

WHEREAS we have had under our consideration the importance of providing for cases in which it may be desirable in the interests of Your Majesty's Service to appoint, for Signalling Duties in a Fleet, an officer who is not at the same time the Flag Lieutenant:

And whereas we are of opinion that the appointment of a Signalling Officer under these conditions should carry with it an allowance of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the grant of such an allowance under the foregoing conditions, with retrospective effect as from the first day of April 1906 in the case of the Signalling Officer appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{10869.}{1906.}$

No. $\frac{155.}{\text{A.G.}}$ *22nd October* 1906.

NAVAL SAVINGS BANKS—(REVISED REGULATIONS, &c.).

Finally approved.

WHEREAS by Orders in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 10th November 1866, 2nd March 1881, 10th March 1882, and 30th June 1890, the establishment was authorised under the "Naval Savings Banks Act, 1866," of Naval Savings Banks on board Your Majesty's Ships, at the Headquarters of the Royal Marine Divisions, and at such of Your Majesty's Naval Establishments on shore as we might think desirable, and sanction was given to the issue of such regulations for the proper management of the same as were from time to time found necessary;

And whereas under the said Orders in Council the rates of interest were fixed at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. simple interest per annum on all deposits in the banks established on board Your Majesty's Ships, and at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. compound per annum on every complete pound invested in the banks established at the Royal Marine Divisions and Naval Establishments on shore;

And whereas we are of opinion that, in view of the reduced value of such deposits to Your Majesty's Government, it is no longer practicable to continue the payment of interest at the present rate on deposits in the Banks instituted on board Your Majesty's Ships, and that such rate should therefore be assimilated to that authorised on deposits in the Banks instituted at the Royal Marine Divisions and Naval Establishments on shore;

And whereas we have been advised that regulations made under Section 5 of the "Naval Savings Bank Act, 1866," should be authorised directly by Your Majesty's Order in Council, and covering sanction is therefore necessary to the regulations issued indirectly in accordance with the Orders in Council of Her late Majesty dated 2nd March 1881 and 10th March 1882 for the administration of the Banks at the Royal Marine Divisions and Your Majesty's Naval Establishments on shore;

And whereas we consider it desirable in certain minor details further to revise the administration of the Naval Savings Banks on shore and on board Your Majesty's Ships;

We beg leave humbly to recommend that in pursuance of the Act aforesaid Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to direct that the rate of interest payable on all deposits in new accounts opened in Banks

instituted in any of Your Majesty's Ships that may be commissioned on or after the 1st January 1907 shall be fixed at £2 10*s.* 0*d.* per cent. compound per annum on every complete pound invested, and that the regulations established under the Orders of Her late Majesty in Council dated 2nd March 1881, 10th March 1882, and 30th June 1890 may be cancelled, and the regulations, copies of which are appended hereto, substituted for the same, and that this Order may have retrospective effect, as necessary to sanction the regulations issued from time to time for the management of the banks at the Royal Marine Divisions at Your Majesty's Naval Establishments.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

REGULATIONS for the CONDUCT of NAVAL SAVINGS BANKS on board H.M. SHIPS.

General Supervision.

1. The general supervision of the Bank will be vested in the Commanding Officer.

Manager of Bank.

2. The Paymaster will be regarded as the Manager of the Bank.

When Bank to be opened.

3. The Bank is to be open for the receipt and withdrawal of deposits on the days when monthly advances are paid, and in any month in which advances are not required the Commanding Officer shall appoint a day when the Bank shall be open.

Witness to Transactions.

4. The Commanding Officer shall appoint a Commissioned Officer to attend personally and witness the receipts and payments.

Deposits.

5. No sum less than one shilling is to be received, nor any fractional part of a shilling.

Pass Book.

6. Each Depositor on making his first deposit shall be furnished by the Paymaster, for retention in the Depositor's own custody, with a Pass Book, in which shall be entered at

the time of receipt or payment the several sums deposited or withdrawn, such entries to be verified by the initials of the Paymaster, and the officer appointed to witness the transactions under Section 4; the Pass Book shall bear on the outside of the cover the official or regimental number of the Depositor.

On closing his account each Depositor shall surrender his Pass Book, which shall be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy with the Withdrawal List on which the closing transaction appears.

7. Should a Depositor lose his Pass Book the Commanding Officer may direct that he be supplied with a fresh Book, on which the word "Duplicate" is to be written.

Deposit List.

8. At the time of the receipt of the amounts deposited, the Paymaster shall prepare a list of the same, to which is to be appended a certificate to be signed by him, that the sums deposited have been credited in the Ledger Accounts and Pass Books, and the total amount received debited in his Cash Account. A certificate to be signed by the witnessing officer appointed under Section 4 shall also be appended to the effect that the amounts shown on the list were deposited in his presence. The list is then to be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Withdrawals.

9. A Depositor wishing to withdraw the whole or any portion of his deposits shall give to the Paymaster seven days' notice prior to the next day for opening the bank, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

10. Payment may, however, be made forthwith if the Commanding Officer is satisfied of the urgency of the case, and that the immediate withdrawal of the deposit would be for the advantage of the Depositor.

11. A Depositor withdrawing any sum cannot be permitted to re-invest it, or any part of it, the same day.

12. Interest is only payable when the total amount deposited is withdrawn.

13. No fractional part of a shilling may be withdrawn except when the Depositor's account is closed, and the interest is paid; nor in the latter case is any fractional part of a penny to be paid.

Withdrawal List.

14. At the time of the payment of the amounts withdrawn the Paymaster shall prepare a list of the same, to which is to be appended a certificate to be signed by him, that the sums withdrawn have been debited in the Ledger Accounts and Pass Books, and the total amount credited in his Cash Account. A certificate to be signed by the witnessing officer appointed under Section 4 shall also be appended to the effect that the several sums withdrawn have been paid in his presence. The list is then to be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Depositors transferred.

15. When a Depositor is transferred from one Ship to another, or if a Marine, from a Ship to Quarters, his account shall be closed on board the Ship he leaves, and unless he requires to withdraw his deposits, as provided by Section 10 of these regulations, it shall be reopened on board the Ship or at the Quarters he joins, by a Transfer List showing the balance and interest due to him.

16. The Transfer List shall be made out and signed by the Paymaster and two copies made thereof. The original Transfer List, with the Depositor's Ledger Account, shall be sent to the Accountant-General of the Navy; the duplicate list shall be sent to the Ship or Quarters to which he may be transferred, and the triplicate list shall be retained on board the ship issuing the Transfer List.

Depositors discharged or promoted.

17. On a Depositor being discharged the Service, or ceasing by promotion to be eligible to continue a Depositor, no further interest shall accrue on his deposits, but his account shall be closed, and he may either receive his money from the Paymaster, or have the same transferred for investment in a Post Office Savings Bank, or assigned for payment at the Admiralty Office.

Depositors sent to Hospital.

18. On a Depositor being sent to hospital a Transfer List as provided for in Section 16 shall be sent with him, to be forwarded with his Pay Documents (should he be invalided) to the Accountant-General of the Navy, or to the Ship the Depositor may join on his arrival home; the original of such list is to be sent in the usual manner to the Accountant-General

of the Navy, but the Depositor's Ledger Account need not be sent, until it is known that the Depositor will not return to the Ship, when it is to be forwarded with a notation thereon showing the man's disposal.

19. The transaction is to be shown as an ordinary transfer issued, in column 5 of the Abstract Account; and should a Depositor whose account is so transferred rejoin his Ship, the Transfer List is to be returned with him, and the amount of principal thereon is to be entered on the date of rejoining as a transfer received in column 3 of the Abstract Account.

Depositors dying.

20. On the death of a Depositor no further interest shall accrue on his deposits, but his account shall be closed and transferred, with his Pass Book, to the Accountant-General of the Navy, for settlement with his representatives. The amount is not to appear in the Paymaster's Cash Account, nor be inserted in Form S. 46 (late S. 54), "Accounts of Dead and Run Men."

Transfers to Shore Banks.

21. A Depositor, while continuing in the Service, may have his account transferred to a Shore Bank, *i.e.*, a Dockyard or Divisional Bank, for the purpose of investment. In such case the procedure shown under Section 16 shall be followed—the original Transfer List with the Depositor's Ledger Account being sent to the Accountant-General of the Navy, duplicate list to the Shore Bank, and a triplicate list retained on board.

Interest.

22. Interest at the rate of £2 10*s.* per cent. per annum shall be allowed to Depositors on every complete pound deposited, such interest to commence on the first day of the month when the deposit is made during the first ten days of a month, and on the first of the following month on a deposit made during the remaining portion of a month; when the whole or any portion of the amount deposited is repaid, interest on the sum withdrawn is to close with the last day of the month preceding that in which the payment is made. On the 31st March in each year the interest due to each Depositor shall be computed, and so much of it as consists of entire pounds and shillings shall be added to the principal of each account; any fractional part of a shilling shall remain as interest to be added to that subsequently accruing. The amounts carried over to principal shall be entered in the Pass Books of the respective Depositors, duly

initialled by the Paymaster and verified by the initials of the witnessing officer appointed under Section 4.

The total amount of interest added to principal shall be credited in the Cash Account as a payment on account of interest and debited as a receipt on account of deposits and inserted in column 2 of the Abstract Account.

This regulation shall apply, however, only to new accounts in Ships Commissioned on and after the 1st January 1907 and to Depositors who, having opened such new accounts, may be subsequently transferred. Interest on accounts in Ships Commissioned before that date, and on accounts transferred from such Ships, shall be calculated at the rate of £3 15*s.* per cent. per annum, but such interest is not to be added annually to principal and shall only be paid to the Depositor when the whole balance is withdrawn.

Bank Ledger.

23. A ledger shall be kept by the Paymaster, and secured under lock and key, in which are to be entered the several sums debited or credited to the account of each Depositor.

Abstract Account.

24. The Paymaster shall keep an Abstract Account of the deposits, withdrawals, and transfers, and regularly post therein, in order of date, the totals of the respective lists and also the interest paid to Depositors. An extract from such Abstract Account shall be prepared monthly, showing the transactions and the particulars of transfers received from other banks during the period and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy; if no transactions should take place during any such period a "Nil" return is to be forwarded.

Entries in Pass Books and Ledger Accounts.

25. All amounts received (whether by transfer or in cash) during the first ten days of a month shall be entered to the credit of the Depositor in his Pass Book on the day when received, but under date in the Ledger Account, for interest purposes, from the first day of that month, and all amounts received from the eleventh to the last day of the month (both inclusive) are to be entered in the Pass Book on the day when received, but under date in the ledger, for interest purposes, from the first day of the succeeding month.

26. In like manner all amounts withdrawn during a month shall be entered in the Pass Book, to the debit of a Depositor on the day when withdrawn, but under date in the ledger for interest purposes, from the first day of that month.

Transfers from Shore Banks.

27. Interest on an account transferred for investment from a Shore Bank to a Ship Bank shall be extended from the date to which the interest was calculated on the Transfer List, at the rate of £2 10*s.* per cent. per annum, to the date when interest commences in the Ship Bank.

28. Where an amount to the credit of a Depositor in a Shore Bank is transferred to a Ship for payment, the same shall be brought to account in column 3 of the Abstract Account as a transfer received, and in column 4 as a withdrawal. When the whole account is transferred the interest paid shall be shown in column 7; such amounts are not to be passed through the Savings Bank Ledger; the payment is to be shown on a Withdrawal List, and the Transfer List received from the Shore Bank shall be attached thereto as a voucher.

Interest on an amount transferred for payment shall also be extended at the rate of £2 10*s.* per cent. per annum, from the date to which interest was calculated on the Transfer List, to the last day of the month preceding that in which the payment is made.

Annual Schedule of Balances and Interest.

29. A Schedule shall be prepared from the ledger of the balances and interest due to each Depositor on the 31st March in each year and also the amounts of interest added to principal on that date. The Schedule shall be prepared by the Paymaster and shall be signed by him and also by a Commissioned Officer (to be appointed by the Commanding Officer), who shall compare the amounts entered thereon with the amounts standing to each Depositor's credit in the Savings Bank Ledger, and append a certificate that such comparison has been made. The Schedule shall be forwarded, as soon as practicable afterwards, to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Supersession of Paymaster.

30. Whenever a Paymaster is superseded, he shall transmit to the Accountant-General of the Navy an Abstract Account for the whole period of his charge, in the same form as rendered when a Ship is paid off. The balance of such account shall be verified by comparison with a Schedule to be prepared from the Savings Bank Ledger, of the amounts due to the Depositors.

31. The preparation of this Schedule shall be superintended by a Commissioned Officer, to be appointed by the Commanding Officer; such Officer shall also require the production of the Depositors' Pass Books, and compare in each case the balance shown as due, with the amount standing to the Depositors' credit in his Pass Book, and in the Savings Bank Ledger, previously to signing the certificate at the foot of the Schedule, which is also to be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Pay-off.

32. When a ship is paid off, all Depositors may have their Principal and Interest, or any part of the same—

(1) Paid in cash by the Paymaster in the presence of the Commanding Officer, at the time the Crew are paid their wages.
(2) Remitted for payment at their own homes on Form S. 66.
(3) Transferred to a Receiving ship or Naval Barracks or a Dockyard Bank (in the case of Seamen) or a Marine Bank (in the case of Marines) for payment.
(4) Transferred to a Dockyard Bank (in the case of continuous Service Seamen) or a Marine Bank (in the case of Marines) for the purpose of continuing the investment.
(5) Assigned for payment at the Admiralty Office.
(6) Transferred to the Accountant-General of the Navy for investment in a Post Office Savings Bank, on the distinct understanding, however, that it is not with a view of depositors shortly withdrawing the amounts so transferred.

33. The amounts remitted on Form S. 66 are first to be treated as withdrawals from the Bank, and entered in the Withdrawal List, the Paymaster crediting himself with the amounts.

34. In the case of a Ship paid off abroad, the account of any Depositor whose time is not expired, or who volunteers for the new commission, or for any other ship on the station, shall, subject to his general liberty of withdrawal and liberty of investment under the above provisions, be transferred to the Ship he joins.

35. When a Ship is ordered to be paid off, a notice shall be posted in some conspicuous place on board, calling the attention of the Depositors to the several alternatives open to them.

36. After ascertaining the wishes of the Depositors the Paymaster shall close the Ledger Accounts, make out the requisite Transfer Lists, prepare the final Withdrawal List, and after insertion of the several transactions in the Abstract Account, balance the same, taking care that the total of principal in the final Withdrawal List agrees with the aggregate balance of the same appearing due in the Abstract Account.

37. The sums then due to Depositors, as scheduled in the final Withdrawal List for payment in cash, shall be paid in the presence of the Commanding Officer at the time the Ship's Company are paid their wages.

38. Should a Depositor fail to present himself to receive the amount due to him at the pay-off, a Transfer List assigning the amount due for payment by the Accountant-General of the Navy shall be made out and transmitted with the final Withdrawal List.

39. The final Withdrawal List, the Abstract Account, and the Ledger, with all other Savings Bank documents on board, shall then be sent to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Transfers to Post Office Savings Bank.

40. As regards transfers to the Post Office Savings Bank (which are to be effected for the purpose only of continuing the investment of Depositors' money), the Paymaster shall send to the Accountant-General of the Navy a list of the amounts to be so invested, accompanied by a declaration from each Depositor in the Form prescribed by the Postmaster-General.

Ledger Accounts.

41. All Depositors' accounts closed either by withdrawal or transfer shall be removed from the Ledger and sent to the Accountant-General of the Navy with the Withdrawal or Duplicate Transfer Lists in which the balances withdrawn or transferred respectively appear, observing that these directions do not apply to the final Withdrawal List, which is to be accompanied by the Ledger itself.

Deserters' Accounts.

42. Interest on the balance of deposits due to a deserter shall cease on the last day of the month preceding that in which the desertion occurs.

In the event of a deserter being subsequently recovered interest on the balance of deposits due on his account shall recommence on the first day of the month following the date of recovery.

All unpaid accounts of Deserters shall be transferred, at the close of the Commission, to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Transfers to Admiralty.

43. When a Depositor's Account is assigned for payment at the Admiralty, the Transfer List shall be prepared in duplicate only, the original list being sent direct to the Accountant-General of the Navy and the Ship's copy being retained on board.

Home Station Ships having no Bank.

44. In Home Station Ships having no bank on board (to which the foregoing Regulations do not apply), the following Rules shall be observed:—

(*a*) When Depositors' accounts are transferred for payment the Paymaster shall at the time of payment prepare a Withdrawal List, to which shall be appended a Certificate to be signed by him, that the amounts have been duly paid. The payments shall be witnessed by a Commissioned Officer, to be appointed by the Commanding Officer, who shall initial the entries of the transactions in the Depositors' Pass Books. The signatures of the depositors shall be obtained on the withdrawal list as receipts for the amounts entered against their names.

(*b*) In any case where a Depositor's Pass Book cannot be produced, payment shall not be made without authority from the Accountant-General of the Navy, to whom information of the circumstances shall be reported.

(*c*) The Withdrawal List is to be sent, with the Transfer Lists attached thereto and the Depositors' Pass Books, to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

(*d*) Should any Depositor whose account may be so transferred not apply for his money within two months after the receipt on board of the Transfer List, such list shall be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy, with a notation of the circumstance thereon.

(*e*) In any case where it is known on board that a Depositor for whom a Transfer List has been received has proceeded to another ship, such Transfer List, or where several names are included in the same list, an extract from such list, shall be forwarded to the Ship which the man has joined.

(*f*) In any case where a Depositor applies for payment of his account and a Transfer List for the same has not been received, information of the circumstances shall be reported to the Accountant-General of the Navy, who will issue an authority for payment, if practicable.

(*g*) In the event of the Admiralty portion or Ships' (Triplicate) copy of a Transfer List being received on board, payment shall not be made, but the list in question shall be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy with a report as to the circumstances of its receipt.

(*h*) Interest on an account transferred for payment is, where necessary, to be extended from the date to which the Interest was calculated on the Transfer List, to the last day of the month preceding the date of payment.

Cash Voucher.

45. A voucher in which the amounts received and paid during a month shall be respectively shown shall accompany the Paymaster's Cash Account.

Transaction not to appear in Pay Documents or Ships' Books.

46. No transaction arising out of the business of Naval Savings Banks shall be shown in any way in the Depositors' Pay Documents or the Ships' Books, but the records of the same shall be kept perfectly distinct and disconnected from all other accounts, excepting only the Paymaster's Cash Accounts, in which shall be debited and credited respectively the amounts deposited and withdrawn on board ship.

Mutual Benefit Societies.

47. The Funds of Mutual Benefit Societies formed on board H.M. Ships may be invested in the Naval Savings Banks subject to the following rules:—

1. The Admiralty will in no way be responsible in regard to the management of the affairs of the Society, its stability, or the distribution of its Funds.

2. Deposits will be received from a Society composed only of Petty Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy, and Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Royal Marines.

3. Such Society must be approved of by the Commanding Officer of the Ship, and have a duly elected Secretary or other responsible Officers and Committee, a list of whom shall be deposited in the hands of the Paymaster.

4. The Bank business connected with the Society will be transacted with the Secretary or other Officer direct, who with the Committee will be answerable to the Members of the Society for the due admininistration of the Funds.

5. An Account shall be opened in the Naval Savings Bank Ledger on board bearing the title of the Society, viz.:—"Mutual Benefit Society of H.M.S. ," in which shall be posted all receipts and payments in connection with the Society.

6. No amount less than One pound sterling nor any fractional part of a pound sterling shall be received into, or withdrawn from, the Bank on account of the Society.

7. This Trust Fund Account shall be kept entirely distinct from any personal Account of the Officer in whose name the deposits are made on behalf of the Society.

8. Withdrawals shall be made on written requisitions signed by two Members of the Committee, such requisitions shall contain a form of receipt for the amount withdrawn.

9. The receipts for the amounts withdrawn shall be signed by the Secretary or other representative Officer.

10. Deposits and Withdrawals are to be entered by the Paymaster in the ordinary Deposit and Withdrawal lists (Forms S. 475 and S. 477) amongst those of other depositors, the title of the Society being inserted in the space provided for the depositor's name.

11. The authorities mentioned in Clause 8, under which payments are made to the Secretary or other representative Officer, are to be appended to the withdrawal Lists as Vouchers.

REGULATIONS for the CONDUCT of NAVAL SAVINGS BANKS in H.M. DOCKYARDS.

Articles 410 *to* 423, *Cashier's Instructions.*

Naval Savings Banks.

(1) Naval Savings Banks are established in His Majesty's Dockyards at Chatham, Sheerness, Portsmouth, and Devonport for the receipt of deposits from seamen of the Royal Navy in pursuance of "The Naval Savings Bank Act, 1866," and Order in Council of the 2nd March 1881.

The Cashier is regarded as the Manager of the bank, and its general supervision is to be vested in the superintendent.

Hours of business.

(2) The bank is to be open for the receipt and withdrawal of deposits every day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. except on Saturdays when it will close at noon. It will be closed on Sundays and public holidays, and on days when the Yard is closed.

Minimum deposit.

(3) No sum less than one shilling is to be received, nor any fractional part of a shilling. Subject to this the Cashier is to receive from any person, other than a Marine, entitled under the Act to be a depositor in a Naval Savings Bank, any sum of money tendered or remitted for deposit.

Depositor's certificate. Form 573.

(4) Every depositor is to be furnished with an acknowledgment of his having opened an account, and this should be produced whenever he appears personally at the bank, and previously to any withdrawals under Article 8. If the account is opened by cash personally tendered, the acknowledgment is to be handed to him by the Cashier; if by means of allotment or remittance, it is to be transmitted to him through the Commanding Officer of his ship. Deposits personally tendered and payments to the depositors direct from the bank are to be entered on the Form of acknowledgment, and such entries are to be verified by the initials of the Cashier.

Bank ledgers. Form 584.

(5) For each depositor an account is to be opened in the bank ledgers, in which all deposits and withdrawals are to be entered at the time of receipt or payment, and verified by the initials of the Cashier.

The ledgers are to be kept under lock and key in the custody of the Cashier.

Depositors may be allowed to inspect, and should they request it, be furnished with statements of, their accounts.

Deposits, allotments, and remittances.

(6) A seaman afloat may remit sums of not less than one pound through the paymaster of his ship for deposit in a Yard Bank. He may also make an allotment of his pay for

investment in a Yard Bank. Where a deposit is made by allotment the requisite authority will be issued by the Accountant-General of the Navy.

The amounts allotted or remitted are to be regarded as transfer transactions only, to be taken credit for by the Cashier in his cash account as payments on account of allotments or remittances, and debited as receipts on account of Naval Savings Banks.

List of allotments. Form 575.

The total amount credited in the depositors' accounts each month on account of allotments is to be brought to account in one sum in the cash account, and the amount reported to the Accountant-General of the Navy on the prescribed form. A detailed list of the deposits made by allotment is to be transmitted quarterly to the Accountant-General of the Navy, showing the allotment number and the monthly credits in the depositor's account in respect of each allotment.

List of deposits. Form 574.

(7) The Cashier is to forward to the Accountant-General of the Navy, a list of amounts deposited each day in cash or by remittance, certifying that they have been credited in the depositors' accounts and debited in his cash account.

Withdrawals.

(8) A depositor on applying at the bank within the prescribed hours, and producing the acknowledgment referred to in Article 4 and other evidence of his identity, if deemed necessary, may withdraw the whole or any part of his deposits.

Depositors afloat. Form S. 495.

A depositor may, while serving afloat, and absent from the port, withdraw the whole or any part of his money on forwarding to the Cashier a request for the same, certified by the Commanding Officer of the ship in which he is serving (*see* Article 9); or payment of the whole or any portion of his money may be made to another person on the depositor's order, certified by his Commanding Officer. In the latter case, the order for payment is to be prepared on board the depositor's ship in duplicate, one copy to be forwarded to the Cashier, and the other to the payee.

Payment to nominee. Form S. 494.

Depositors on leave. Form 576.

If a depositor who is on leave at a distance from the port wishes to be paid the whole or a portion of his money, the Cashier is to forward to him a form of request for his signature before a magistrate, or other competent authority. On its return duly signed and attested, accompanied by the acknowledgment referred to in Article 4, the Cashier will remit the money. If, however, the Cashier should entertain any doubt of the applicant's title he is to make such further inquiry, and obtain such further evidence as he may deem requisite.

Reinvestment. A depositor withdrawing any sum cannot be permitted to reinvest it, or any part of it, the same day.

Interest. Accruing interest is only payable when the total amount deposited is withdrawn.

No fractional part of a shilling may be withdrawn, except when a depositor's account is closed and the interest is paid. In the latter case no fractional part of a penny is to be paid.

Withdrawal list. Form 577. At the close of each day upon which withdrawals take place, the Cashier is to total the withdrawal list, and take credit for the total amount withdrawn in his cash account. The list is to be duly certified by himself, and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy. The signatures on the list are to be attested by a witness. The authorities under which payments are made to depositors or other persons by their order are to be appended to the list as vouchers.

Transfer of account to ship. Form S. 496. (9) A depositor may have his money transferred to the ship to which he belongs for investment in the ship bank, or he may have the whole or portion of his money transferred for payment on board. In either case, the Cashier, on receipt of a request from the depositor, duly certified by the Commanding Officer of his ship, is to issue in duplicate a transfer list for the amount, one copy to be sent to the Commanding Officer of the ship and the other to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Transfer list. Form 578.

A similar course is to be pursued on the transfer of a depositor's account from one Dockyard bank to another.

Transfer from ship. Form 579. A continuous service seaman who is a depositor in a ship may, on being paid off, have his account transferred to a Dockyard bank. The Cashier is to forward to the Accountant-General of the Navy an abstract of such transfers at the end of every month.

Interest. (10) Interest at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum is to be allowed to depositors on every complete pound deposited. Deposits made during the first 10 days of each month are to bear interest from the first day of the month, and those made during the remainder of the month from the first day of the following month. When the whole or any portion of the amount deposited is repaid, or transferred under the preceding Article, interest on the sum withdrawn is to cease with the last day of the month preceding that in which the payment or transfer is made.

Remittances. As regards deposits by remittance, the date of the issue of the remittance list on board ship is to be taken as the date of the receipt of the deposits into the Bank.

Interest on an account transferred from a ship commissioned before 1st January 1907, or on an account transferred from a ship commissioned after 1st January 1907 which had been transferred from a ship commissioned prior to that date, is to be calculated at the rate of $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. per annum (simple interest) to the date when interest commences in the Dockyard bank. **Accounts transferred from ships.**

Interest is to be computed to the 31st March in each year, and then so much of it as consists of entire pounds and shillings is to be added to the principal of each account; any fractional part of a shilling is to remain as interest to be added to that subsequently accruing. The total amount carried over to principal is to be taken credit for in cash account as a payment on account of interest, and debited as a receipt on account of deposits, and inserted in column 2 of the Abstract Account (*see* Article 11).

(11) The Cashier is to keep an abstract account of the deposits, withdrawals, and transfers, and post therein daily the totals of the respective lists and also the interest paid to depositors. **Abstract account. Form 580.**

The abstract account is to be balanced on the 31st March in each year and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

(12) On the 31st March in each year a schedule of the balances and interest due to depositors to that date is to be prepared, and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy with the abstract account. The Cashier is to append a certificate of its accuracy. **Schedule of balances. Form 583.**

(13) All depositors' accounts, when closed by the withdrawal or transfer of their entire balances, are to be removed from the ledger and sent to the Accountant-General of the Navy, with the withdrawal or transfer lists. **Closed accounts.**

With a view to closing old accounts the ledgers are to be frequently inspected, and application is to be made to the Accountant-General of the Navy for the addresses of depositors whose accounts show no transactions over a period of two years. The wishes of such depositors in regard to their accounts are to be ascertained.

On receipt of information of the death, discharge, promotion to warrant rank or desertion of a depositor, his account is to be closed and transferred to the Accountant-General of the Navy, and no further interest shall accrue from the date of such discharge, &c. **Death, promotion, or desertion of depositor.**

Correspondence.

(14) All communications of a routine nature from the Accountant-General of the Navy relative to Naval Savings Bank business will be addressed direct to the Cashier.

REGULATIONS for the CONDUCT of NAVAL SAVINGS BANKS at the ROYAL MARINE DIVISIONS.

Naval Savings Banks.

1. Naval savings banks are established in each Division at Chatham, Eastney, Forton, and Plymouth for the receipt of deposits from Warrant or Non-commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Marines, serving at Headquarters or borne on the books of any of H.M. Ships in pursuance of "The Naval Savings Bank Act, 1866," and Order in Council of the 10th March 1882.

The Paymaster is regarded as the manager of the bank, and its general supervision is to be vested in the Colonel Commandant.

Hours of business.

2. The bank is to be open for the receipt and withdrawal of deposits every day between such hours as the Colonel Commandant shall appoint. The bank will be closed on Sundays.

Minimum deposit.

3. No sum less than one shilling is to be received, nor any fractional part of a shilling. Subject to this, the Paymaster is to receive any sum of money tendered or remitted for deposit.

Depositor's certificate. Form R. 338.

4. Every depositor is to be furnished with an acknowledgment of his having opened an account, and this should be produced whenever he appears personally at the bank, and previous to any withdrawals under Article 8.

If the account is opened by cash personally tendered, the acknowledgment is to be handed to him by the Paymaster; if by means of allotment or remittances, it is to be transmitted by the Paymaster to him through the Commanding Officer of his ship. Deposits personally tendered and payments to the depositors direct from the Bank are to be entered on the Form of acknowledgment, and such entries are to be verified by the initials of the Paymaster.

Bank ledgers.

5. For each depositor an account is to be opened in the bank ledgers in which all deposits and withdrawals are to be entered at the time of receipt or payment, and verified by the initials of the Paymaster.

The Ledgers are to be kept under lock and key in the custody of the Paymaster.

Depositors may be allowed to inspect, and, should they request it, be furnished with statement of, their accounts.

6. A marine afloat may remit sums of not less than one pound through the Paymaster of his ship for deposit in a Divisional bank. He may also make an allotment of his pay for investment in a Divisional bank. **Allotments and remittances.**

Where a deposit is made by allotment the requisite authority will be issued by the Accountant-General of the Navy.

The amounts allotted or remitted are to be regarded as transfer transactions only, to be taken credit for by the Paymaster in his cash account as payments on account of allotments or remittances, and debited as receipts on account of Naval savings banks.

7. The Paymaster is to forward to the Accountant-General of the Navy a list of amounts deposited each day in cash or by remittance, certifying that they have been credited in the depositors' accounts and debited in his cash account. **List of deposits. Form R. 330.**

The total amount credited in the depositors' accounts each month on account of allotments is to be brought to account in one sum in the Cash Account and the amount reported to the Accountant-General of the Navy on the prescribed form. A detailed list of the deposits made by allotment is to be transmitted quarterly to the Accountant-General of the Navy showing the allotment number and the monthly credit in the depositor's account in respect of each allotment. **List of allotments. Form R. 330A.**

8. A depositor on applying at the bank within the prescribed hours, and producing the acknowledgment referred to in Article 4, and other evidence of his identity, if deemed necessary, may withdraw the whole or any part of his deposits. **Withdrawals.**

A depositor may while serving afloat, and absent from the Division, withdraw the whole or any part of his money on forwarding to the Divisional Paymaster a request for the same, certified by the Commanding Officer of the ship on which he is serving; or payment of the whole or any portion of his money may be made to another person on the depositor's order, certified by his Commanding Officer. In the latter case, the order for payment is to be prepared on board the depositor's ship in duplicate, one copy to be forwarded to the Divisional Paymaster, and the other to the payee. **Depositors afloat. Form S. 499. Payment to nominee. Form S. 498.**

If a depositor who is on leave at a distance from the Division wishes to be paid the whole or a portion of his money, the Divisional Paymaster is to forward to him a form of **Depositors on leave. Form R. 340.**

request for his signature before a magistrate or other competent authority. On its return duly signed and attested, accompanied by the acknowledgment referred to in Article 4, the Divisional Paymaster will remit the money. If, however, the Paymaster should entertain any doubt of the applicant's title, he is to make such further inquiry and obtain such futher evidence as he may deem requisite.

Reinvestment. A depositor withdrawing any sum cannot be permitted to reinvest it, or any part of it, the same day.

Interest. Accruing interest is only payable when the total amount deposited is withdrawn.

No fractional part of a shilling may be withdrawn, except when a depositor's account is closed, and the interest is paid. In the latter case no fractional part of a penny is to be paid.

Withdrawal list. R. 331. At the close of each day upon which withdrawals take place, the Paymaster is to total the withdrawal list, and take credit for the total amount withdrawn in his cash account. The list is to be duly certified by himself, verified by a witness, and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy. The authorities under which payments are made to depositors, or to other persons by their order, are to be appended to the list as vouchers.

Transfer of account to ship. Form S. 499. 9. A depositor may have his money transferred to the ship to which he belongs for investment in the ship bank, or he may have the whole or a portion of his money transferred for payment on board. In either case, the Divisional Paymaster on receipt of a request from the depositor, duly certified by the Commanding Officer of his ship, is to issue in duplicate a transfer list for the amount, one copy to be sent to the Commanding Officer of the ship, and the other to the Accountant-General of the Navy. A similar course is to be pursued on the transfer of a depositor's account from one Divisional bank to another.

Transfer list. Form R. 334.

Transfer from ship. Form R. 335. The account of a depositor in a ship may, when the ship is paid off, be transferred to the bank at his Division. The Divisional Paymaster is to forward at the end of every month to the Accountant-General of the Navy an abstract of such transfers.

Interest. 10. Interest at the rate of £2 10*s.* per cent. per annum is to be allowed to depositors on every complete pound deposited. Deposits made during the first 10 days of each month are to bear interest from the first day of the month, and those made during the remainder of the month from the first day of the following month. When the whole or any portion of the

amount deposited is repaid, or transferred under the preceding article, interest on the sum withdrawn is to cease with the last day of the month preceding that in which the payment is made.

Remittances.

As regards deposits by remittance, the date of the issue of the remittance list on board ship is to be taken as the date of the receipt of the deposits into the bank.

Interest is to be computed to the 31st March in each year, and then so much of it as consists of entire pounds and shillings is to be added to the principal of each account; any fractional part of a shilling is to remain as interest to be added to that subsequently accruing. The total amount carried over to principal is to be taken credit for in the cash account as a payment on account of interest, and debited as a receipt on account of deposits, and inserted in column 2 of the Abstract Account.

Accounts transferred from ships.

Interest on an account transferred from a ship commissioned before 1st January 1907, or on an account transferred from a ship commissioned after 1st January 1907 which had been transferred from a ship commissioned prior to that date, is to be calculated at the rate of £3 15*s.* per cent. per annum (simple interest) to the date when interest commences in the Divisional bank.

Abstract account. Form R. 336.

11. The Paymaster is to keep an abstract account of the deposits, withdrawals, and transfers, and post therein daily the totals of the respective lists, and also the interest paid to depositors.

The abstract account is to be balanced on the 31st March in each year and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Schedule of balances. Form R. 337.

12. Within a week after the 31st March in each year a schedule of the balances and interest due to depositors to that date is to be prepared and forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy with the abstract account. The Examiner of Accounts is to append a certificate of its accuracy.

Closed accounts.

13. All depositors' accounts when closed by the withdrawal or transfer of their entire balances are to be removed from the ledger and sent to the Accountant-General of the Navy with the withdrawal or transfer lists.

With a view to the closing of old accounts the Ledgers are to be frequently inspected, and in cases when accounts show no transactions over a period of two years the wishes of the depositors in regard to their accounts are to be ascertained.

Death, promotion, or desertion of a depositor.

On receipt of information of the death, discharge, promotion beyond the rank of warrant or non-commissioned officers, or desertion of a depositor, his account is to be closed and transferred to the Accountant-General of the Navy, and no further interest shall accrue from the date of such discharge, &c.

14. The Savings Bank Clerks employed at the several Divisions of Headquarters of the Royal Marines, according to the number of the accounts open in the respective banks during each month, shall be paid as follows:—

					s.	*d.*	
From	1 to	50	accounts,	inclusive -	2	6	per month.
„	51 „	75	„	„ -	3	6	„
„	76 „	100	„	„ -	4	6	„
„	101 „	150	„	„ -	6	0	„
„	151 „	200	„	„ -	7	6	„
And for every additional 50				-	2	6	„

The payments of these allowances shall be taken credit for by the paymasters in their cash accounts under the detailed head of "Naval Savings Banks Imprest Account."

And whereas His Majesty was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council on the 28th day of July 1906, to approve the said Regulations as *provisional rules* within the meaning of the Rules Publication Act, 1893.

And whereas the provisions of Section 1 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with.

Now, therefore, His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of his Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

No. 156. *22nd October* 1906.

A.G.

ALLOWANCE TO ACCOUNTANT OFFICER IN CHARGE OF FURNITURE OF ADMIRALTY YACHT "ENCHANTRESS."

WHEREAS by Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 17th December 1888 an allowance of 4*s.* a day was granted to the officer in command of the former Admiralty Yacht

"Enchantress" for charge of Warrant Officer's Stores and Furniture:

And whereas under present arrangements the stores are now in the care of Warrant Officers and the furniture in the charge of the Accountant Officer:

And whereas we are of opinion that the extra responsibility placed upon the Officer in charge entitles him to additional remuneration:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment, as from the 12th June 1904, of an allowance of 1*s.* a day to the officer engaged in the performance of this duty.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{3393.}{1906.}$

No. 157. *22nd October* 1906.

A.G.

ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF PROVISIONS TO CERTAIN RANKS AND RATINGS OF R.N. AND R.M. WHEN ON LONG LEAVE.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 7th March 1904 the Warrant Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Royal Marines while serving on shore are granted a money allowance in lieu of their provisions when on leave.

And whereas the Warrant Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Navy and Marines borne on the books of Your Majesty's Ships receive neither provisions in kind nor any allowance when on long leave exceeding 48 hours in duration.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment of an allowance at the rate of eight pence and one halfpenny (8½*d.*) a day to the Commissioned Warrant Officers, Warrant Officers, and Men of the Royal Navy, and the Warrant Officers and Men of the Royal Marines borne on the books of Your Majesty's Ships when on leave exceeding 48 hours; the grant of the allowance to take effect from the 1st day of October 1906.

No. 157 *Admiralty Orders in Council.*

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{3394.}{1906.}$

No. 158. 16*th November* 1906.
G.H.

PAYMENT OF G.H. SPECIAL PENSIONS IN BRITISH DOMINIONS ABROAD.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 31st December 1886, approving regulations for the grant of Greenwich Hospital Special Pensions, we were empowered to make such pensions payable in Your Majesty's Dominions abroad in cases where it should seem to us that the circumstances were special and exceptional:

And whereas it appears to us to be desirable to remove any restriction upon the payment of such pensions in any part of Your Majesty's Dominions:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise the payment of the Special Pensions to persons residing in Your Majesty's Dominions abroad in ordinary circumstances, in the same way as if they resided in the United Kingdom.

No. 158*. 16*th November* 1906.
A.

PENSION FOR INJURIES TO LIEUTENANT HENRY G. R. BEVAN, R.N.

YOUR MAJESTY having been graciously pleased by Your Order in Council of the twenty-second day of October one thousand nine hundred and six to refer for our consideration and report a humble memorial addressed to Your Majesty by Henry George Robinson Bevan, Lieutenant in Your Majesty's Navy, praying for the award of a pension on account of severe injuries received whilst on duty on board Your Majesty's Ship "Magnificent" on the fourteenth day of June one thousand nine hundred and five, resulting in permanent and serious ill effects.

We, having taken the same into our careful consideration, beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to award to Lieutenant Henry George Robinson Bevan a pension of one hundred and fifty pounds a year for life to commence from the sixteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and six.

No. 159. *21st December* 1906.

N.L.

ABATEMENT OF PAY, PENSIONS, &c. OF OFFICERS TO MEET MESS DEBTS, &c.

WHEREAS by the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service provision is made for the recovery of debts owing by Officers to Ships' Messes by deduction thereof from their Full Pay:

And whereas in the cases of Officers discharged to Half Pay or to the Retired List the balance of Full Pay has on occasions been found insufficient to meet the full amount of the debt:

And whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted inter alia that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman or Marine there, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas we consider it is desirable that we should have greater power of control with regard to the settlement of debts of the nature above specified:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to direct that any Pay, Half Pay, Pension, Retired Pay, Gratuity or other allowances payable to an Officer shall be liable to be abated in order to meet Mess Debts or other liabilities in respect of his Mess or any similar debts or liabilities, subject always to any general regulations which we may think fit to make in that behalf and subject to any special directions which we may think fit to give in any particular case.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have expressed their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 159 *Admiralty Orders in Council.*

And whereas the provisions of Section 1 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

No. 159*. *21st December* 1906.
A.

EMOLUMENTS OF NAVAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ADMIRALTY REVISED.

WHEREAS by Orders in Council of Her late Majesty bearing dates the tenth day of May 1872, and the ninth day of August 1872, the emoluments of the Naval members of the Board of Admiralty, stated below, were fixed as follows:—

Second Sea Lord -	Salary	£1,000 a year. £200 House allowance.
Third Sea Lord and Controller of the Navy - - -	,,	£1,500 a year. £200 House allowance.
Fourth Sea Lord -	,,	£1,000 a year, £200 House allowance.

in addition to Naval Half Pay in each case:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to revise these emoluments:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the revised emoluments set forth below:—

Second Sea Lord - -	Salary	£1,500 a year.
Third Sea Lord and Controller of the Navy - - -	,,	£1,750 ,,
Fourth Sea Lord - -	,,	£1,500 ,,

in addition to Naval Half Pay in each case.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

No. 160. *21st December* 1906.
G.

PRIZES FOR GOOD SHOOTING—ALLOWANCES REVISED.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the seventh day of February 1888 and by Your Majesty's Orders in Council of the twelfth day of January 1905 and the tenth day of May 1905, sanction was given to the payment of money prizes to encourage good shooting with guns of various natures in Your Majesty's Navy:

And whereas we are of opinion that the system of awarding such prizes is in need of revision in order fully to meet present requirements:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment of the allowances shewn in the following Schedule in lieu of those at present in force:—

SCHEDULE.

Description of the Allowance.	Amount.
Petty Officers, Seamen and Marines - -	Prizes to be awarded at the discretion of the Admiralty.
Prize money for good shooting with Heavy Guns, Light Q.F., and Machine Guns in Ships carrying Heavy Guns, Light Q.F., and Machine Guns.	Capitation allowance of 1*s.* 8*d.* per annum on complement. To take effect from the first January 1907.
Prize Money for good shooting with Light Q.F. and Machine Guns in Ships carrying only Light Q.F. and Machine Guns.	Capitation allowance of 1*s.* 3*d.* per annum on complement. To take effect as from the 25th April 1905.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

G. 64./1907.

No. 160*. 21*st December* 1906.

A.

CONFIDENTIAL CLERK AND KEEPER OF TORPEDO RECORDS IN H.M.S. "VERNON."

Increase of Pay to Charles H. McKay, Pensioned Chief Writer.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the third day of August 1897, the retention on the books of Your Majesty's Ship "Vernon" of Charles Herbert McKay, Pensioned Chief Writer, in the special rating of Confidential Clerk and Keeper of Torpedo Records, was sanctioned on the following terms:—(1) To receive pay at the rate of 8*s.* a day, increasing by 6*d.* a day annually to a maximum of 10*s.* a day, but not to be entitled to Victualling or any allowance in lieu, and (2) To receive his Naval Pension in addition to his pay, but his service after being pensioned not to reckon for Civil Pension or for any increase of Naval Pension:

And whereas we are of opinion that the services of the said Charles Herbert McKay have been of such a nature as to render him deserving of an increase in his emoluments:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction his rate of pay being advanced to a maximum of 13*s.* a day by annual increments of 6*d.* a day, the first increase to take effect from the ninth day of March 1907, the date following that on which he will complete ten years' service in the special rating.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 161. 11*th February* 1907.

N.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS AT SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO—COLONIAL ALLOWANCES.

WHEREAS we are of opinion that it is desirable to make provision for the grant of Colonial Allowances to the Officers of Royal Marines employed on duties connected with Naval Intelligence at Singapore and Colombo respectively:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to

approve of a Colonial Allowance at the rate of Eighty Pounds per annum being granted to the Marine Officer appointed for Naval Intelligence duties at Singapore and of a similar allowance at the rate of Thirty Pounds per annum being granted to the Marine Officer appointed for Naval Intelligence duties at Colombo, the Allowance to take effect in each case as from the first day of April 1906, and to be payable only while the Officers are actually employed at those places.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 162. *11th February* 1907.
N.

LIEUTENANTS, R.N.—NUMBERS INCREASED.

WHEREAS by Her late Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the twenty-ninth day of November 1898, the number of Lieutenants on the Active List of Your Majesty's Navy was fixed at 1,550;

And whereas it is necessary to make provision for an increase in the number of Lieutenants on the Active List up to a total of 1,700;

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the List being increased accordingly.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. 1860./1907.

No. 163. *11th February* 1907.
N.

SHORT SIGNAL COURSES FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, R.N.R.

Pay and Allowances, &c.

WHEREAS we consider it desirable that Short Courses of Signal Instruction should be established at the Home Ports for Commanders, Lieutenants, and Sub-Lieutenants of Your Majesty's Royal Naval Reserve:

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We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of such Courses being formed, under the following conditions:—

(i) Two Courses to be held each year, each Course being limited to ten officers;

(ii) Officers to receive while attending the Course the Full Pay of their rank, and Messing Allowance, and, if not provided with Service Accommodation, &c., Provision and Lodging Allowances, together with the repayment of Travelling expenses under the usual conditions.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{1861.}{1907.}$

No. 163*. *11th February* 1907.

A.

SPECIAL PROMOTION OF MR. WILLIAM HICKS, CHIEF OFFICER, COAST GUARD.

WHEREAS we are of opinion that the services rendered by William Hicks, Chief Officer of Your Majesty's Coast Guard Cruiser "Argus," while employed in command of Cruisers engaged in the protection of British fisheries, have been so meritorious as to deserve their special recognition by his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant in Your Majesty's Navy:

And whereas by Your Order in Council of the twenty-eighth day of March 1903 Your Majesty was pleased to approve of the promotion of one hundred Commissioned Warrant Officers and Warrant Officers to the rank of Lieutenant under certain conditions as to pay, outfit gratuity, and retirement:

And whereas no provision at present exists for the advancement to such rank of a Chief Officer of Coast Guard:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the promotion of the said William Hicks to the rank of Lieutenant in Your Majesty's Navy under the conditions laid

down in the above-mentioned Order in Council and as one of the hundred promotions therein allowed.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 164. 11*th February* 1907.

A.G.

COMMAND MONEY TO ANY OFFICER IN COMMAND OF A SUBMARINE FLOTILLA.

WHEREAS under the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service, Command Money at the rate of 3*s.* 9*d.* a day is only payable to an officer in actual command of a ship:

And whereas we consider that an allowance at this rate should be paid to the officer, being a Commander or a Lieutenant, appointed for general command of a Submarine Flotilla, although he is not in command of any individual ship:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction payment of Command Money at the rate of three shillings and ninepence a day to any officer appointed for general command of a Submarine Flotilla, with retrospective effect in the case of Portsmouth to the 1st January 1906.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. 631./1907.

No. 165. 1*st March* 1907.

V.

ALLOWANCE TO RATINGS EMPLOYED AS TAILORS.

WHEREAS it is provided in Article 1453 of the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service that Royal Marines employed as Tailors are to receive 2*d.* a day in addition to their pay and other allowances:

And whereas it may be desirable to employ Seamen ratings also as Tailors:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise the payment of this allowance to any rating who may be employed as Tailor.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 165*. 1*st March* 1907.

A.

SPECIAL PROMOTION OF ADMIRAL SIR ARTHUR K. WILSON, G.C.B., TO ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the eighth of December 1903 the number of Admirals of the Fleet on the Active List is limited to three.

And whereas we are of opinion that the distinguished services of Admiral Sir Arthur Knyvet Wilson, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., V.C., merit Your Majesty's most favourable consideration.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction his special promotion to the rank of Admiral of the Fleet, notwithstanding the restriction contained in the abovementioned Order in Council, such promotion to date from the 1st March 1907, and to be additional to the authorized numbers.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 166. 1*st March* 1907.

V.

CLOTHING AND BEDDING GRATUITIES—SYSTEM MODIFIED. FREE ISSUE OF HAT RIBBONS.

WHEREAS it is provided in the Regulations for the government of Your Majesty's Naval Service that Petty Officers, Seamen, and Boys are to be credited with certain gratuities on account of Clothing and Bedding:

And whereas it would facilitate the arrangements for kitting up, and simplify accounts, if the Clothing and Bedding,

in certain instances, were supplied free of charge, instead of crediting the men with gratuities and afterwards recovering the value of the articles issued:

And whereas we consider it desirable that Petty Officers, Seamen, and Boys in Your Majesty's Navy should not bear the expense of providing new Hat Ribbons when transferred to another ship or depôt:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us at our discretion to issue Hat Ribbons free of charge in such circumstances; and also to authorise the following modifications in the existing system of Clothing and Bedding gratuities as from the 1st April 1907, viz.:—

Bedding Gratuity on first entry to be abolished, and a set of Bedding to be supplied free instead.

Clothing Gratuity to be credited only in cases where the amount of the gratuity payable under the Regulations is insufficient to cover the whole cost of the necessary Clothing; in all other cases the gratuity to be abolished and Clothing supplied free instead.

We further beg leave to recommend that Ships' Stewards' Boys and Boy Writers, who are now entitled to a Clothing Gratuity of £5 only, shall in future be supplied with a Regulation Kit free of charge on first entry.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

No. 166*. *26th March* 1907.

A.

AWARD OF PENSION TO SURGEON FREDERICK G. GOBLE, R.N.

WHEREAS Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council dated the first day of March to refer for our consideration and for report a humble Memorial addressed to Your Majesty by Frederick George Goble, a Surgeon in Your Majesty's Navy, praying for the grant of a pension on account of having contracted a serious contagious disease whilst in the performance of his duties in the wards of Your Majesty's Naval Hospital at Chatham on the sixth day of November 1906.

We having taken the same into our careful consideration beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be

graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to award to Surgeon Frederick George Goble, a pension of £75 a year for life, to commence from the 6th day of November last.

No. 167. 1st *March* 1907.

A.G.

COMMUTED ALLOWANCES IN LIEU OF SERVANTS TO COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF, HOME PORTS—REGULATION OF.

WHRREAS by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the fifth day of February 1870, sanction was given for the payment of Commuted Allowances on the following scale to the Commanders-in-Chief at the three Home Ports to enable them to provide their own servants in place of the Naval Domestics allowed :—

		£
Commander-in-Chief,	Portsmouth -	500
Ditto	Devonport - -	500
Ditto	Nore - -	400

these rates having been fixed with reference to the cost of providing the Naval Domestics in the respective numbers concerned, the appointments at Portsmouth and Devonport being held at the time by Admirals and that at the Nore by a Vice-Admiral:

And whereas the importance of these commands varies from time to time:

And whereas the Command at the Nore has been held by an Admiral since the 20th October 1904:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to empower us to award at our discretion to the Commanders-in-Chief at the three Home Ports such rate of Commuted Allowance in lieu of Servants, within a maximum of £500 a year, as in our opinion the circumstances of each case may warrant, this authority to have retrospective effect on the 20th October 1904.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{942.}{1907.}$

No. 167*. *26th March* 1907.

N.

WAGES AND VICTUALS FOR THE FLEET, 1907–8.

WHEREAS His Majesty was pleased, by His Commission dated the fifth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and seven, to nominate and appoint His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in His Majesty's absence from His Realm in Foreign Parts, to hold on His Majesty's behalf, His Privy Council, and to signify thereat His approval of any matter or thing whereunto His Royal Highness should be so authorised by writing under His Majesty's Sign Manual, and to do further on His Majesty's behalf any matter or thing for the purposes of the said Commission whereunto His Royal Highness should be authorised in manner aforesaid:

Now, therefore, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales being authorised thereto by writing under His Majesty's Sign Manual, doth hereby, on His Majesty's behalf, declare it necessary for His Majesty's Service that timely provision for Sea Victuals be made for—

105,508 Officers, Seamen, and Boys, including those in Shore Establishments.

11,158 Marines afloat, including those in Shore Establishments.

7,431 Marines on shore.

3,903 Coastguard on shore.

128,000 Total, to serve in His Majesty's Navy for 12 calendar months: And to that end His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales doth hereby, on His Majesty's behalf, order that the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do prepare the Estimates of the Charges as well of the said Victuals as of the Wages of the said Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Boys for the said 12 calendar months, commencing on the 1st day of April 1907, and ending the 31st day of March 1908, and present the same to His Majesty.

No. 168.
N.

26th March 1907.

PAYMENT FOR SIGNALLING AND W.T. DUTIES TO MEN OF R.N.V.R.

WHEREAS Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council of the twenty-third day of October 1905 to approve of men of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve qualified as Artificers or Artisans being granted the pay of their equivalent Naval rating in certain circumstances when serving afloat:

And whereas we consider it desirable that similar treatment should be accorded to men of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve who are qualified in Signalling or Wireless Telegraphy:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve of men of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve who are duly qualified in Signalling or Wireless Telegraphy being granted the difference between the pay of their ordinary Seaman Class Ratings and that of the Naval Signal or Wireless Telegraphy Ratings for which they are qualified when they are employed in their equivalent Signal or Wireless Telegraphy Ratings while undergoing training afloat or while called out for actual service in the Fleet.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. 3325./1907.

No. 168*.
A.

26th March 1907.

AWARD OF PENSION TO SURGEON JAMES C. BRINGAN, R.N.

WHEREAS Your Majesty was graciously pleased by Your Order in Council dated the first day of March to refer for our consideration and for report a humble Memorial addressed to Your Majesty by James Campbell Bringan, a Surgeon in Your Majesty's Navy, praying for the grant of a pension on account of having contracted a serious contagious disease

whilst in the performance of his professional duties on board Your Majesty's Ship "Sandpiper" on the seventeenth day of March 1906:

We having taken the same into our careful consideration beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to award to Surgeon James Campbell Bringan a pension of £75 a year for life, to commence from the seventeenth day of March 1906.

No. 169. *7th May* 1907.

N.

ALTERATIONS TO STAFF OF R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND ADMIRALTY RECRUITING HEADQUARTERS.

WHEREAS we are of opinion that in consequence of the expansion of the Royal Naval School of Music an increase is necessary in the number of the writing staff at the School of Music:

And whereas we are also of opinion that the additional responsibility attaching to the staff of the Admiralty Recruiting Headquarters in connection with the arrangement for the mobilisation of Naval and Marine Pensioners in the London District and with cash disbursements generally renders it desirable that the Staff Clerk at the Recruiting Headquarters should be replaced by a Clerk of superior rank:

We beg leave humbly to submit that Your Majesty by Your Order in Council may be graciously pleased to sanction the addition of one Superintending Clerk (Warrant Officer) and one Sergeant with extra pay of 1*s.* a day to the Royal Marine Artillery Division for duty at the Royal Naval School of Music, and the replacement of the Staff Clerk at the Admiralty Recruiting Headquarters by a Superintending Clerk (Warrant Officer) without, however, increasing the total numbers allowed for Your Majesty's Royal Marine Forces.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals

N. $\frac{4914.}{1907.}$

No. 169*. *7th May* 1907.

N.

WAGES AND VICTUALS FOR THE FLEET, 1907–8—ESTIMATE APPROVED.

THIS day the following Estimate from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty was presented and read to His Majesty at this Board :—

124,097	An Estimate of the charges of Wages and Victuals for One hundred and twenty-four thousand and ninety-seven Officers, Men and Boys (including Eighteen thousand five hundred and eighty-nine Royal Marines, and Two thousand nine hundred and fifty-six Boys for Training) to serve in His Majesty's Fleet; and	
3,903	for Three thousand nine hundred and three Officers and Men to be borne on the Books of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels, to be employed in His Majesty's Coast Guard Service on Shore for twelve Calendar Months, commencing on 1st April 1907.	
128,000	For the Wages of One hundred and twenty-eight thousand Officers, Men, and Boys - -	£7,200,800
	For the Victuals of do. - -	1,867,500
		£9,068,300

The whole charge amounts to Nine million and sixty-eight thousand three hundred pounds.

His Majesty, having taken the same into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the said Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do cause the same to be complied with accordingly.

No. 170. *7th May* 1907.

A.

NUMBERS OF GREENWICH HOSPITAL PENSIONS FOR OFFICERS REARRANGED. RETENTION OF NAVAL OR G.H. PENSION BY OFFICERS PROMOTED ON THE RETIRED LIST.

WHEREAS by Section 5 of the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865, it is inter alia enacted that Your Majesty may from time to time by Order in Council appoint such Pensions as seem fit to Officers of the Royal Navy and Marines and others for the time being entitled to the benefits of Greenwich Hospital:

And whereas by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the twenty-ninth day of January 1900 sanction was given to a rearrangement of the numbers of Naval and Greenwich Hospital Pensions allotted to Naval and Marine Officers on the Retired and Pensioned Lists of Your Majesty's Fleet:

And whereas we are of opinion that the changes which have taken place in the numbers of Officers on the Lists since the date of the above-mentioned Order in Council render a further rearrangement desirable:

We therefore beg leave humbly to submit that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals:—

(1) That the following be the number of Greenwich Hospital Pensions established for Officers of the ranks named in lieu of those fixed by the above-mentioned Order in Council, viz.:—

Staff Commanders and Navigating Lieutenants	11
Fleet Surgeons and Staff Surgeons - -	13
Chief Gunners - - Chief Boatswains - - Chief Signal Boatswains - Chief Carpenters - -	- - - 23

(2) That this rearrangement be carried out on the occurrence of vacancies in such manner as we may determine:

(3) That Clause 11, Section IX. of the Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the twenty-second day of February 1870 under which an Officer is required to relinquish the Naval or Greenwich Hospital Pension, of which he may be in receipt, on being advanced in rank on the Retired List, be cancelled, such cancellation to

have retrospective effect as regards cases in which this regulation has been contravened in respect of Greenwich Hospital Pensions.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals in so far as they affect Naval Pensions.

No. 170*. *7th May* 1907.

A.G.

CANDIDATES FOR ENTRY IN R.N.—SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE WHEN DETAINED AT RECRUITING STATIONS.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, and other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council;

And whereas we have had under consideration the Regulations established under Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 15th June 1901 which provide for the payment of subsistence allowance at the rate of 1*s.* 6*d.* a day (over nine hours) and billet money at the rate of 6*d.* a night to candidates for entry in Your Majesty's Navy when unavoidably detained at Recruiting Stations;

And whereas, in some cases, although the candidates are not detained for periods extending to 9 hours, the period of detention is sufficiently long to necessitate some expense being incurred for meals;

We humbly beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to sanction, by Your Order in Council, the repayment of actual necessary expenses for subsistence, within a sum of 1*s.*, in cases of unavoidable detention extending to five hours but not reaching nine hours.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 171. *7th May* 1907.

A.G.

EXPENSES OF CONVEYANCE OF BAGGAGE OF OFFICERS APPOINTED FROM, OR DISCHARGED TO, HALF PAY.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, and other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas Officers appointed from or discharged to Foreign Service Leave are repaid their expenses for baggage within the cost of forwarding it from or to the Depôt on the books of which they are borne for leave respectively:

And whereas we are of opinion that Officers appointed from or discharged to Half Pay are equally deserving of consideration in this respect:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction, as from the 1st April 1907, the repayment of the expenses in connection with the conveyance of the Service allowance of baggage of Officers appointed from or discharged to Half Pay, within the cost of forwarding it from or to a Naval General Depôt.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 172. *1st June* 1907.

N.

ALLOWANCES TO OFFICERS ON STAFF OF WAR COURSE COLLEGE, PORTSMOUTH.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman,

or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner, and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas a War Course College has been established at Portsmouth on the footing of a Naval Technical Training Establishment:

And whereas we consider it desirable that the Officers selected on account of their expert knowledge for the Staff of this College shall receive such remuneration for their services as will provide that they be not prejudicially affected in respect of their emoluments by such appointment:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following scale of special allowances, to take effect as from the tenth day of November 1906:—

	Each.
To the Junior Captains R.N. on the Staff of the College - - - -	6*s.* 0*d.* a day.
To the Commanders R.N. - - -	5*s.* 0*d.* ,,
To the Lieutenants R.N. - - -	4*s.* 0*d.* ,,

To the Engineer Officers and Royal Marine Officers, allowances on the same scale, according to their relative rank:

The foregoing allowances to be in addition to Command Money allowed by the Regulations, but to supersede any special allowances in the nature of pay to which the Officers might otherwise be entitled, and to be payable under the same general conditions as those allowances.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have concurred in these allowances.

N. $\frac{5831.}{1907.}$

No. 172*. 1*st June* 1907.

G.H.

AWARD OF PENSION TO MR. JAMES BAKER, MASTER, GREENWICH HOSPITAL SCHOOL.

WHEREAS by the 20th section of an Act passed in the 29th year of Her late Majesty's reign, chapter 89, entitled "The Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865," it is among other things enacted that the Admiralty may (subject to the approval of Your Majesty in Council) fix the salaries of officers appointed for the service of Greenwich Hospital.

And whereas by the 8th section of an Act passed in the 36th year of Her late Majesty's reign entitled "The Greenwich Hospital Act, 1872," it is enacted that the provisions of the 20th section of the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865, so far as the same relate to salaries, shall extend to pensions and pecuniary benefits of any kind.

And whereas Mr. James Baker, one of the masters at the Royal Hospital School, Greenwich, will retire from the service of Greenwich Hospital on the 25th May 1907, when he will attain sixty-five years of age.

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize the grant to Mr. Baker of a pension at the rate of £75 a year from the funds of Greenwich Hospital to take effect from the date of retirement.

No. 173. *1st June* 1907.

N.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR OF R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

Restriction of Post to Officers of Warrant Rank removed.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Orders in Council of the twentieth day of May 1903 and twenty-fourth day of October 1904 it was, inter alia, provided that the rank of the Musical Director of the Royal Naval School of Music should be that of Warrant Officer:

And whereas we consider it desirable that the restriction of this post to Officers of Warrant rank shall be removed:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize us to appoint a Musical Director of such rank as may from time to time be convenient.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. 5832./1907.

No. 173*. *1st June* 1907.

A.

AWARD OF PENSION FOR INJURIES TO LIEUTENANT ARTHUR VERNON ROSS, R.N.

YOUR MAJESTY having been graciously pleased by Your Order in Council of the 7th day of May 1907, to refer for our consideration and report a humble Memorial addressed to Your Majesty by Arthur Vernon Ross, Lieutenant in Your Majesty's Navy, praying for the award of a pension on account of severe injuries received whilst on duty on board Your Majesty's Ship "Hindustan" on the 18th day of January 1906, resulting in permanent and serious ill effects:

We, having taken the same into our careful consideration, beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to award to Lieutenant Arthur Vernon Ross a pension of seventy-five pounds a year for life to commence from the 14th day of August 1906.

No. 174. *6th July* 1907.

N.

SURVEYING PAY OF OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR SURVEYING DUTIES—REGULATIONS AMENDED.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, and other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner, and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas the regulations governing the payment of Surveying Pay to the Officers of Your Majesty's Naval Service do not at present admit of Officers appointed for Surveying duties to a Ship commissioning at Home for Surveying service abroad commencing to draw Surveying pay until the date of the arrival of the Ship on the Station to which she is to be attached, or, if actual Surveying work is to be carried out on passage, until the date of arrival at the place where such work is to be undertaken:

And whereas we consider it desirable that all Officers employed on Surveying duties should in this respect be placed

upon the same footing as Officers appointed for Gunnery, Torpedo, and Navigating duties who receive the allowances attaching to their special duties from the date of joining the Ships to which they are appointed:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the Regulations of Your Majesty's Naval Service being amended to provide that Officers appointed for Surveying duties to a Surveying Ship commissioning or recommissioning at Home for service Abroad shall draw the Surveying pay attaching to such appointment from the date of joining the Ship, with retrospective effect to cover certain individual cases which have recently been under our consideration.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N. $\frac{7266.}{1907.}$

No. 174*. *6th July* 1907.

A.

AWARD OF PENSION FOR INJURY TO COMMANDER HERBERT MOSLEY PERFECT, R.N.

YOUR MAJESTY having been graciously pleased by Your Order in Council of the first day of June 1907, to refer for our consideration and report a humble memorial addressed to Your Majesty by Herbert Mosley Perfect, a Commander on the Retired List of Your Majesty's Navy, praying for the grant of a pension on account of a severe injury received on the eighth day of February 1906, whilst on duty on board Your Majesty's Ship "Canopus":

We having taken the same into our careful consideration beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to award to Commander Herbert Mosley Perfect a pension of One hundred and fifty pounds a year for two years to commence from the sixteenth day of April 1907:

We beg leave to further recommend that at the expiration of the period of two years the amount of the said pension shall be reconsidered with a view to its continuation at such rate as the Officer's permanent incapacity may justify.

No. 175. *6th July* 1907.

N.

DOMESTICS—ALTERATION OF TITLE AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY, &c.

WHEREAS we have had under consideration the system under which Men and Boys are entered in Your Majesty's Navy as Domestics, for Duty as Officers' servants;

And whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council;

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable that certain modifications shall be made in the conditions of service obtaining in this Branch of Your Majesty's Navy;

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the proposals contained in the accompanying schedule, to take effect at our discretion as from the fifth day of April 1907.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

SCHEDULE.

I.—The title of "Domestic" to be replaced by those of "Officers' Steward" or "Officers' Cook" according to the duty performed, and the scale of pay to be rearranged as follows:—

Rating.		Pay per Diem. s.	d.
Officers' Chief Steward Officers' Chief Cook	- - - -	3	0
Officers' Steward Officers' Cook	1st Class, after 3 years' service -	2	6
Officers' Steward Officers' Cook	1st Class, under 3 years' service -	2	3
Officers' Steward Officers' Cook	2nd Class, after 3 years' service -	2	0

Rating.		Pay per Diem. s.	d.
Officers' Steward Officers' Cook	2nd Class, under 3 years' service	1	9
Officers' Steward Officers' Cook	3rd Class, after 3 years' service -	1	6
Officers' Steward Officers' Cook	3rd Class, under 3 years' service	1	3
Boy Servant - - - - - -		1	0

II.—Officers' Stewards and Officers' Cooks to receive the following advantages :—

(*a*) To be eligible for the Good Conduct Gratuity under the conditions applying in the case of men entered for Continuous Service.

(*b*) To be eligible for Good Conduct Badges, with consequent additional pay and pension, under the usual conditions.

(*c*) When employed by Officers receiving a consolidated allowance in lieu of servants to be allowed to reckon the time served in such employment towards pension.

III.—Naval Ratings who are employed as Officers' Servants in lieu of Officers' Stewards or Officers' Cooks to receive while so employed extra pay at the rate of 3*d.* a day.

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No. 175*. *6th July* 1907.

G.H.

DIRECTOR OF GREENWICH HOSPITAL—SALARY REVISED.

WHEREAS by the 20th section of an Act passed in the 29th year of Her late Majesty's reign, Chapter eighty-nine, entitled "The Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865," it is, amongst other things, enacted that the Admiralty shall from time to time continue to appoint such Officers, Clerks, and Servants for the purposes of the Hospital and Schools as seem fit, and may (subject to the approval of Your Majesty in Council) fix the salaries of such Officers and Clerks :

And whereas by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 16th of April 1886 it was directed that the salary attached to the appointment of Director of Greenwich Hospital should be £1,000 per annum :

And whereas we are of opinion that this salary should now be revised:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise the scale of Salary of the Director of Greenwich Hospital to be at the rate and on the scale of £1,000 to £1,200 a year, rising by £50 a year, as from the 27th May 1907, and to authorise an immediate increment of £50 to the present holder of the appointment as from that date.

No. 176. *6th July* 1907.

A.

OFFICERS STUDYING IN CHINA—ALLOWANCES, &c.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, and other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas by Your Majesty's Orders in Council of the seventh day of March 1904, and the seventh day of August 1905, Your Majesty was pleased to approve of certain Regulations affecting Officers of Your Majesty's Navy and Royal Marines studying Foreign Languages abroad:

And whereas we are of opinion that further provision should be made to encourage Naval Officers to acquire a knowledge of the Chinese language:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Majesty's Order in Council to sanction the payment of the prescribed Naval rates of Lodging and Provision Allowances to Naval and Marine Officers studying in China, in addition to the full pay of their rank and also the payment of passage expenses out to Peking and home, as may be necessary.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 177. *6th July* 1907.

A.G.

REVISED SCALE OF ALLOWANCES TO LAMP-TRIMMERS.

WHEREAS by Her late Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 29th November 1881, an allowance at a rate varying according to the class of Ship is payable to the Senior or only Lamp-trimmer, or person acting in that capacity, for the due care of the lamps on board Your Majesty's Ships:

And whereas the classification of Your Majesty's Ships as therein contained is no longer suitable to the requirements of Your Majesty's Fleet:

And whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, and other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Forces to a person being an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment of the following allowances in lieu of those sanctioned by the afore-mentioned Order in Council of Her late Majesty, the payment to take effect from such dates and under such conditions as we may deem expedient, viz.:—

(1) Fighting Ships:

Type of Ship.	*Allowance.*
Battleship - - -	Not exceeding 4*d.* a day.
Cruiser, 1st Class - -	
Cruiser, 2nd Class - -	Not exceeding 2*d.* a day.
Cruiser, 3rd Class - -	
Scout - - -	
Smaller vessels allowed a Lamp-trimmer - -	1*d.* a day.

(2) Other vessels, Barracks, Hulks, &c. in which the services of a Lamp-trimmer are required:—

An allowance at a rate to be fixed at our discretion but not exceeding 4*d.* a day.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

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12th August 1907.

DOCKYARD PORT OF BEREHAVEN.

Amended Regulations.

WHEREAS by the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, it is enacted that it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council from time to time, by Order in Council, to define the limits of a Dockyard Port for the purposes of that Act, and to make Regulations in relation to any Dockyard Port for all or any of the purposes in the said Act particularly mentioned, and for such other purposes as from time to time seem necessary, with a view to the proper protection of His Majesty's vessels, dockyards, or property, or to the requirements of His Majesty's Naval Service:

And whereas in pursuance of the said Act certain Regulations and Rules were made by Order in Council, dated the 26th day of September 1901, with reference to the Dockyard Port of Berehaven:

And whereas it appears expedient that the Regulations and Rules before-mentioned should be amended:

And whereas the provisions of Section one of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act or otherwise in Him vested, is pleased, on the recommendation of the Admiralty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

PRELIMINARY.

1. This Order shall take effect from the date hereof.

2. On this Order taking effect the before-mentioned Order in Council of the 26th day of September 1901 shall cease to operate, and in lieu thereof the Rules and Regulations set forth in the Schedule to this Order are hereby made and shall have effect in relation to the Dockyard Port of Berehaven.

3. In this Order, unless the context shall otherwise require, the terms "Vessel," "Master," and "Justice" shall have the same meaning as in the said Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, and the term "the said Dockyard Port" shall mean the Dockyard Port of Berehaven, as described in paragraph 4 hereof.

Dockyard Port of Berehaven.

4. For the purposes of the said Act and of this Order, the limits of the Dockyard Port of Berehaven shall be as follows:—

All the waters, bays, and creeks so far as the tide flows lying between lines drawn as follows:—

On the East, a line joining Gun Point and the western extremity of Carrigskye;

On the South, a line drawn S. 42° W. (true) from Carrigskye to a position 11,200 yards from it, thence to a position South (true) 6,400 yards from the western extreme of Bull Island, thence West (true) to a position South (true) from Clonaghlin Point, and thence to Clonaghlin Point;

On the West, a line drawn from the extremity of Fair Head to the extremity of Shee Head;

excepting the area North of a line joining Crowdy Point and Gun Point.

Delineation of Limits.

5. On the chart accompanying this Order are drawn all the limits referred to herein.

SCHEDULE.

General.

(1) Moorings for His Majesty's ships, mark buoys, and other aids to navigation, and such other buoys as may be required for any purpose in connection with Naval or Military operations, shall be placed by the King's Harbour Master as, from time to time, the requirements of His Majesty's Service may demand.

(2) Moorings for private vessels shall not be laid in the said Dockyard Port without the permission, in writing, of the King's Harbour Master, and then only in such positions as he shall deem fit, and such moorings shall be forthwith removed on the requisition of the King's Harbour Master to that effect.

(3) If at any time the anchor of any merchant or other private vessel hooks any Government moorings, or any electric

cables or moorings of buoys, the master, or other per having the charge or command of such vessel, shall proceed to unhook the same, but shall forthwith give no thereof to the Senior Naval Officer, or to the King's Harb Master, in order that aid may be given for clearing s moorings or cables without doing damage to the same.

(4) No merchant or other private vessel shall make to, or lie at, any of the buoys marking the channels or sh in the Dockyard Port.

(5) No merchant or other private vessel shall, with licence in writing from the Senior Naval Officer or the Kin Harbour Master, be moored or fastened to any Governm moorings, buoys, piles, or vessels in the Dockyard Port.

(6) The area between Shot Head and Carrigskye, between the southern boundary of the Dockyard Port and coast to the northward, is appropriated for Gunnery tr and experiments from His Majesty's Ships; and whene such trials or experiments are in progress, no merchant private vessel, or boat of any description shall anchor, mo or carry on fishing operations in, or pass through, the abo mentioned area; and all vessels being in this area sh immediately move to a position outside of it when requi to do so by the King's Harbour Master or the Senior Na Officer present.

(7) Whenever it may be necessary for Mining or Gunne operations or experiments, dredging operations, or other Na or Military purposes, to reserve any area other than that refer to in the foregoing clause, for such operations or purpos the area will be marked by buoys coloured green and whi or by posts coloured red; and after twenty-one days' warni notice has been issued by the Admiralty, and published the "Dublin Gazette," no vessel shall anchor, moor, or within, or pass through, the area so marked, unless compell to do so by stress of weather, or to avoid accident, nor wh such area is uncovered or nearly uncovered at low wa shall any person pass through it, or remain in it, unless permission of, and under such arrangements as may from time to time made by, the officer in charge of su operations.

(8) No merchant or other private vessel shall anchor the lines of any electric cable laid down in the Dockyard Po when such line is indicated by whitewashed posts, or oth discernible marks erected on shore, and a warning has bee conveyed to Mariners by notice issued by the Admiralty an published in the "Dublin Gazette."

(9) Whenever practice is taking place at the Naval Rifle Range on Bere Island, a red flag will be hoisted at the flagstaff east of Rerrin, to warn vessels not to cross the range, the danger area of which extends in an easterly direction from the peninsula south of Lonehort Harbour for a distance of a mile and a half.

When such red flag is hoisted, no vessel shall approach the east entrance until the perch on Carrigavaddra bears westward of N. by W. ½ W. magnetic.

(10) Whenever it may be necessary for Naval purposes to obstruct either entrance of the port by mines, booms, or other obstacles, no vessel shall use, or attempt to use, such entrance. Warning will be given that the west entrance is forbidden to ships entering, as follows :—

By day, by three red balls shown vertically at Fair Head ;

By night, by three red lights shown vertically at Fair Head ;

and that the east entrance is forbidden by similar signals shown from the flagstaff just east of Rerrin.

Anchorage Regulations.

(11) All merchant or other private vessels shall be subject to the direction of the King's Harbour Master.

(12) The anchorage in Berehaven from the East entrance to a line drawn North and South (true) through the western extreme of Minane Island shall be for the exclusive use of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War, and no merchant or other private vessels shall anchor to eastward of the above-mentioned line without the permission of the Senior Naval Officer or of the King's Harbour Master, and no vessel shall be anchored in such a position as to obstruct the fairway by the west entrance.

(13) The master of every merchant or private vessel to which this Order relates shall observe, and cause to be observed, the said Regulations as far as relates to his vessel, and if any master or other person acts in any respect in contravention of any of the said Regulations, or fails to observe, and cause the same to be observed, he shall, for every such offence, be liable to a penalty not exceeding the sum of £10.

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No. 179. *12th August* 1907.

N.

RATINGS, R.N.—REVISED SCHEDULE OF TITLES, RATES OF PAY, &c.

Introduction of Wireless Telegraphy Class.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner, and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas we have had under consideration the rules governing the Service of the Petty Officers and Seamen of Your Majesty's Navy, and we are of opinion that the qualifications of and distribution of work among the various ratings required to meet modern conditions render it desirable to modify in certain respects the existing titles and rates of pay:

And whereas we are also of opinion the development of Wireless Telegraphy in Your Majesty's Fleet necessitates the establishment of a separate class of Wireless Telegraph Operators as distinct from the visual Signalling Branch of Your Majesty's Navy:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the Titles, Rates of Pay, and General Provisions set forth in the annexed Schedule, the alterations contained therein to come into force on the first day of October 1907, and their introduction to be effected gradually with due regard to existing rights, power being reserved to us to vary the rates of pay within the scales laid down or to associate payment with such conditions as we may from time to time deem necessary.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

SCHEDULE.

1. The rating of Petty Officer, 2nd Class, in the several Branches to be abolished and appointments after 30th

September 1907, which under existing regulations would confer that rating, to be to the actual or relative rank of Leading Seaman.

The following titles and scales of pay to be adopted for the classes specified :—

SUBSTANTIVE RATINGS.

SEAMAN CLASS.

	Pay per Diem.	
Continuous Service.	*s.*	*d.*
Boy, 2nd Class	0	6
Boy, 1st Class	0	7
Ordinary Seaman	1	3
A.B.	1	8
Leading Seaman	1	10
After 3 years as such, if passed for Petty Officer	2	0
Petty Officer	2	8
After 3 years as such	2	10
After 6 years as such	3	0
Chief Petty Officer	3	4
After 3 years as such	3	8
After 6 years as such	4	0
Sailmaker's Mate	2	1
Sailmaker	2	6
Non-Continuous Service.		
Ordinary Seaman	1	1
A.B.	1	5
Leading Seaman	1	7

SIGNAL CLASS.

Signal Boy	0	7
Ordinary Signalman	1	3
Signalman	1	11
Leading Signalman	2	1
After 3 years as such, if passed for Yeoman of Signals	2	3
Yeoman of Signals	3	0
After 3 years as such	3	3
After 6 years as such	3	6
Chief Yeoman of Signals	3	10
After 3 years as such	4	2
After 6 years as such	4	6

	Pay per Diem.	
WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY CLASS.	*s.*	*d.*
Boy Telegraphist - - - -	0	7
Ordinary Telegraphist - - - -	1	3
Telegraphist - - - -	1	11
Leading Telegraphist - - - -	2	1
After 3 years as such, if passed for Petty Officer Telegraphist - - -	2	3
Petty Officer Telegraphist - - -	3	0
After 3 years as such - - -	3	3
After 6 years as such - - -	3	6
Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist - -	3	10
After 3 years as such - - -	4	2
After 6 years as such - - -	4	6

Men of Leading Seaman rank of all classes to be allowed to count time exceeding 3 years in that rank for increase of pension, as authorised for Petty Officers, 2nd Class, by existing regulations, but this privilege not to apply to any time served prior to passing for Petty Officer in cases wherein a qualifying examination is involved in advancement thereto. Such men while thus counting time for increase of pension to be granted the special pecuniary advantages, where applicable, now enjoyed by Petty Officers, 2nd Class, in their capacity as Petty Officer.

2. NON-SUBSTANTIVE RATINGS.

GUNNERY.

	Substantive Ratings eligible.	Pay per Diem.	
		s.	*d.*
Seaman Gunner -	A.B.'s and Leading Seamen - -	0	3
Gunlayer, 3rd Class -	A.B.'s and all higher ratings - -	0	2*
Gunlayer, 2nd Class -	A.B.'s and all higher ratings - -	0	4*
Gunlayer, 1st Class -	All ratings above A.B.	0	7*
Gunner's Mate - -	All ratings above A.B.	0	7†

The title of "Trained Man" as a distinctive non-substantive rating to be abolished.

Gunnery pay of 1*d.* a day to be payable to Coast Guard men in lieu of the allowance as "Trained Man" under similar conditions to those governing the latter allowance.

* A.B.'s and Leading Seamen also to draw S.G. pay.
† Gunners' Mates may also hold rating of Gunlayer, 1st Class.

TORPEDO.

	Substantive Ratings eligible.	Pay per Diem. s.	d.
Seaman Torpedo Man -	A.B.'s and Leading Seamen - -	0	3
Leading Torpedo Man -	A.B.'s and Leading Seamen - -	0	4*
Torpedo Coxswain - / Torpedo Gunner's Mate	Petty and Chief Petty Officers, whether Gunnery or Torpedo -	0	7
All ratings above Able Seaman - -		0	7*
Petty Officers and Chief Petty Officers -		1	2†

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

	Substantive Ratings eligible.	Pay per Diem. s.	d.
Physical Training Instructor, 2nd Class.	All ratings above A.B.	0	3
Physical Training Instructor, 1st Class.	All ratings above A.B.	0	6
Staff Physical Training Instructor -	Petty and Chief Petty Officers - -	0	10
Senior Staff Physical Training Instructor		1	2

Physical Training Instructors other than Staff and Senior Staff Instructors may hold and receive pay for Gunnery and Torpedo Ratings as follows:—

Petty Officer - - Gunlayer, 2nd or 3rd Class.

Leading Seaman—

S.G. / S.T. } in addition to " "

SIGNALLING.

All Non-Substantive Signal Ratings to be gradually abolished, except in the case of men serving in the Coast Guard.

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* A.B.'s and Leading Seamen also to draw S.T. pay.

† The number to receive this rate to be regulated so as to be in the same proportion approximately as the Gunners' Mates holding rating of Gunlayer, 1st Class, to total number of Gunners' Mates.

RE-ENGAGED PAY.

3. The issue of Re-engaged Pay under Article 1429, King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, 1906, to be abolished, except as regards men who re-engage before 1st October 1907.

SUBSTANTIVE AND NON-SUBSTANTIVE PAY.

4. The stoppage of the Non-Substantive Pay of men in the 2nd Class for Conduct shall be discontinued; but the total daily pay, whether Substantive or Non-Substantive, of men in the 2nd Class for Conduct will be less by one-sixth than their pay when not in that class.

Non-Substantive Pay being conditional on the due efficiency and diligence required for the rating will not be payable continuously where such efficiency and diligence are not continuously maintained.

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No. 180. *12th August* 1907.

A.

RETIRED PAY OF OFFICERS, R.N., RETIRED WHILST ON STAFF OF THE INSPECTION AND EXPERIMENTAL DEPARTMENTS, &c.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, and other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas under Your Majesty's Royal Warrant of 1906 Officers of Your Majesty's Army Retired whilst serving in Army Ordnance Factories receive certain increases of Retired Pay, and whereas we are of opinion that similar provision should be made for Officers of Your Majesty's Navy appointed to posts in the Inspection and Experimental Departments, or to posts at the Admiralty connected with those Departments, if the latter are subsequently created:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to

sanction the following regulations for increases of Retired Pay of Officers of Your Majesty's Navy who are placed on the Retired List whilst serving on the staff of the Inspection and Experimental Departments or in posts at the Admiralty connected with those Departments:

(1) If an Officer is discharged to Retired Pay at his own request or on completion of any period for which he may have been appointed, or as unfit for further employment from other cause than age, medical unfitness or misconduct, his retired pay should be increased by one-sixtieth of the pay and allowances of the appointment for each complete year of service:

(2) If discharged to retired pay on account of age, medical unfitness, abolition of office, or reduction or reorganisation of establishment—

(*a*) with ten or more years service after date of retirement from Your Majesty's Navy, his Retired Pay should be increased by one-sixtieth of the pay and allowances of the appointment for each complete year of service:

(*b*) with less than ten years' service after such date, the increase should be at the rate of one-fiftieth of the pay and allowances of the appointment, provided that the total addition shall not exceed ten-sixtieths of such pay and allowances.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

No. 180*. 12*th August* 1907.

N.L.

KING'S REGULATIONS—ADDENDA, 1907.

WHEREAS it has been found necessary to effect certain alterations in the Regulations for the conduct of Your Majesty's Naval Service established under Your Majesty's Order in Council of the eighth day of January 1906:

We beg leave most humbly to present herewith for Your Majesty's gracious consideration and sanction a copy of Addenda to the said Regulations dated the thirty-first day of March 1907, which Addenda contain the alterations in question:

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The assent of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury has been received from time to time to such alterations as required their concurrence, and the assent of Your Majesty in Council has already been given to such alterations as required such special sanction.

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No. 181. *12th August* 1907.

A.G.

EXTRA PAY TO OFFICERS AND MEN OF R.N. AND R.M. ACTING AS SHORTHAND WRITERS AT NAVAL COURTS-MARTIAL, &c.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, and other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas we have had under our consideration the question of the remuneration payable to Officers and men of Your Majesty's Navy and Royal Marines for acting as Shorthand Writers at Naval Courts-Martial, &c.:

And whereas the employment of a Shorthand Writer on these occasions is of great advantage by shortening very materially the duration of a Court-Martial and thereby reducing the cost of the proceedings:

And whereas, in view of this consideration, we are of opinion that it is desirable to hold out sufficient inducement to Officers and Men to qualify in shorthand:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Navy and Royal Marines who act as Shorthand Writers at Naval Courts-Martial, &c. being paid Extra Pay at the rate of fourpence for each folio of 100 words (to cover both notes and transcription) but with a minimum payment of 3*s.* 6*d.*, and we beg leave further to recommend that these proposals should take

effect as from 1st January 1904, in order to admit of remuneration being given to Officers and men who have already acted as Shorthand Writers.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

No. 182. *9th September* 1907.

N.

ALLOWANCES FOR AUDITING ACCOUNTS OF BOYS' FUND IN H.M. TRAINING SHIPS, &c.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas we consider it desirable to revise the allowances at present paid to certain Officers for auditing the accounts of the Boys' Fund in Your Majesty's Training Ships and Establishments:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize us to pay allowances for this duty within a limit of Fifty pounds per annum, the allocation of this sum being left to our discretion.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

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No. 183. *9th September* 1907.

A.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR POST OF COLONELS COMMANDANT, R.M.

Order in Council, 29th November 1881, amended.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay,

pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty bearing date the 29th day of November 1881, sanctioning certain Regulations with regard to Your Majesty's Corps of Royal Marines, it is provided, in Clause 8, that "Colonels Commandant are to be appointed by selection from Colonels Second Commandant":

And whereas we are of opinion that this provision unduly restricts our discretion in the appointment of Officers to the post of Colonel Commandant:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the amendment of the above quoted clause so as to read as follows:—

> Colonels Commandant, Royal Marine Artillery and Royal Marine Light Infantry, are to be appointed by selection from Officers who hold the rank of substantive Colonel or substantive Lieutenant-Colonel on their respective lists.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 184. *9th September* 1907.

V.

REVISED SCALE OF VICTUALLING FOR CREWS OF H.M. SHIPS.

Extra Pay to Cooking Staff for making Bread.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, and other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner, and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council;

And whereas the crews of Your Majesty's Ships are at present victualled according to the scale of Dietary laid down in Appendix X. of the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service, and are allowed the option of receiving, in lieu of provisions not taken up in kind, a money payment according to the Scale of Prices for Savings laid down in Appendix XI. of those Regulations;

And whereas we are of opinion that the comfort and well-being of Your Majesty's Navy will be promoted by a revision of these arrangements;

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the introduction of the following arrangements for the victualling of the crews of Your Majesty's Ships, in lieu of the system now in force, as from the 1st October 1907, or in the case of any of Your Majesty's Ships serving on distant Stations, from such later date as we may deem advisable:—

(1) All persons borne on the books of Your Majesty's Ships to be victualled according to the scales of Dietary contained in the First Schedule attached hereto, and to receive the Messing Allowance mentioned therein.

(2) Officers, Commissioned Warrant Officers, or Warrant Officers of Your Majesty's Navy or Royal Marines borne on ships' books, and Domestics, to receive at our discretion in lieu of the victuals and Messing Allowance mentioned in the said Schedule, an inclusive Messing Allowance at the rate of 10*d.* per diem subject to a deduction at the rate of one halfpenny per diem in the case of any Commissioned Warrant Officer or Warrant Officer of Your Majesty's Navy or Royal Marines, or Domestic, who elects to receive the ration of Spirit in kind.

Whereas, also, we are of opinion that it is desirable to make improved provision for the supply of Soft Bread in Your Majesty's Ships when at sea;

We would further beg leave to recommend that, when the exigencies of the Service render it necessary for Bread to be baked by the Cooks in the ship's galley, extra pay shall be allowed to the Cooking Staff for undertaking bread-making in addition to their ordinary duties, according to the scale set forth in the Second Schedule attached hereto.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Daily Standard Ration in His Majesty's Navy.

Service Afloat.

1 lb. Bread (or ¾ lb. Bread and ¼ lb. Flour).
½ lb. Fresh Meat.
1 lb. Fresh Vegetables.
⅛ pt. Spirit.
4 ozs. Sugar.
½ oz. Tea (or 1 oz. Coffee for every ¼ oz. Tea).
½ oz. Ordinary or Soluble Chocolate (or 1 oz. Coffee).
¾ oz. Condensed Milk.
1 oz. Jam or Marmalade.
4 ozs. Preserved Meat on one day of the week in Harbour, or on two days at Sea.
Mustard, Pepper, Vinegar, and Salt as required.

Substitute for Soft Bread when the latter is not available.

½ lb. Biscuit or 1 lb. Flour.

Substitutes for the Fresh Meat and Fresh Vegetable Rations, when these are not available.

On alternate days.

Salt Pork Day:—
½ lb. Salt Pork.
¼ lb. Split Peas.
Celery Seed, ½ oz. to every 8 lbs. of Split Peas put into the Coppers.
½ lb. Potatoes.

Preserved Meat Day:—
6 ozs. Preserved Meat.
8 ozs. Flour. } Or 4 ozs. Rice.
¾ oz. Refined Suet. } Or 4 ozs. Rice.
2 ozs. Raisins. } Or 4 ozs. Rice.
½ lb. Potatoes.

Substitutes for Potatoes, when the latter are not available:—
1 oz. Preserved Vegetables.
Or 2 ozs. Haricot Beans.
Or 2 ozs. Marrowfat Peas.

Shore Establishments and Stationary Depôt Ships.

The same Ration as for Service Afloat, except—

(1) ¼ pt. Fresh Milk may be issued in lieu of ¾ oz. Condensed Milk.

(2) The weekly Ration of Preserved Meat is not to be issued.

Boys in Seagoing Training Ships, Boy Artificers, and Service Boys messing in separate Messes, are to receive the Daily Standard Ration for the Service Afloat, with the following modifications :—

(*a*) An additional $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of Fresh Meat daily, or when Fresh Meat is not available, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Salt Pork or 3 ozs. Preserved Meat.

(*b*) $\frac{3}{8}$ oz. instead of $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of Tea.

(*c*) An additional Ration of $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. of Coffee, for issue at Breakfast.

Notes.

(1) In addition to the foregoing scale of Dietary, a Messing Allowance at the rate of 4*d.* per diem is to be paid, except to Supernumeraries and other persons entitled to two-thirds victualling, who are to receive the Standard Ration, but not the Messing Allowance.

(2) Grog Money is to be paid, in addition to the above Messing Allowance, under the same regulations as at present.

(3) Messes are to be allowed (subject to such regulations as may from time to time be laid down) the option of taking up no Rations of Meat on one day in the week, and of receiving, in lieu of same, an additional money allowance at the rate of 2*d.* per ration.

(4) In time of war, or under arduous conditions, the Dinner Rations of Fresh, Salt, and Preserved Meat may, under the authority of the Commander-in-Chief, or Senior Officer present, be increased as follows :—

Fresh Meat to - - -	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb.
Salt Pork to - - - -	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb.
Preserved Meat to - - -	9 ozs.

should this step be deemed desirable.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Scale of extra pay to Cooking Staff for making Bread and baking it in the ship's galley, in addition to their ordinary duties.

Rating.	When the Quantity produced is not less than		
	25 per cent. of the Full Allowance for the Ship's Company.	50 per cent. of the Full Allowance for the Ship's Company.	75 per cent. of the Full Allowance for the Ship's Company.
Chief Cook or Ship's Cook -	6*d.* per diem.	9*d.* per diem.	1*s.* per diem.
Other Cook Ratings - -	4*d.* per diem.	6*d.* per diem.	8*d.* per diem.

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SPECIAL SERVICE STOKERS—INCREASE OF PAY. RATING OF TRAINED MAN ABOLISHED.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the eighth day of January 1906, the non-substantive rating of Trained Man was abolished for Continuous Service Stokers, and the sum of one penny a day formerly payable for that rating was added to the substantive pay of all Continuous Service Stokers, 1st Class, as from the first day of July 1906:

And whereas we consider it desirable that the same arrangement shall be applied in the case of Stokers entered for combined service in the Royal Navy and Royal Fleet Reserve who are paid the non-continuous rates of pay of their ratings:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the abolition of the non-substantive rating of Trained Man for such Special Service Stokers, as from the first day of July 1906, and the increase of the non-continuous service rate of pay of Special Service Stokers, 1st Class, from one shilling and ninepence to one shilling and tenpence a day as from that date.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

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REVISED GENERAL ORDERS FOR REGULATING PROCEDURE AND PRACTICE OF NAVAL COURTS-MARTIAL.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Report of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, dated the 31st day of July 1907, in the words following:—

"Your Majesty having been pleased by Your Order in Council of the 6th day of July 1907 to refer unto this Committee a Memorial of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty dated the 3rd day of July 1907, humbly recommending that Your Majesty would be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to direct that from the 1st day of April 1908 inclusive the General Orders for regulating the Procedure and Practice of Naval Courts-Martial which, with certain additional instructions issued for the guidance of Courts-Martial, are contained in Chapter XVII. of the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service shall be cancelled and the Revised General Orders annexed to the said Memorial substituted in lieu thereof, and likewise to refer unto this Committee the said Revised General Orders, to consider the same, and report their opinion to Your Majesty; The Lords of the Committee in obedience to Your Majesty's said Order of Reference have taken the said Memorial and the said Revised General Orders for regulating the Procedure and Practice of Naval Courts-Martial thereunto annexed into consideration, and their Lordships do this day agree humbly to report to Your Majesty as their opinion that the said Revised General Orders ought to be amended by substituting for Article 665 (2) thereof the following Article:—'On the morning of the day 'appointed for the Court-Martial to be held, the Commander-'in-Chief or Senior Officer present shall send to the President 'a list of the Officers who are eligible and may be required 'to sit as members, notifying if there be any whose attend-'ance is not attainable by reason of the exigences of the 'public service. This list is also to give the names of any 'Officers absent on leave'; and for Article 671 thereof the following Article: 'As soon as the Court has been assembled 'the prisoner shall be brought in, and the prosecutor and 'audience admitted. The Judge-Advocate shall read the 'warrant for assembling the Court, and the names of the 'Officers whose attendance is stated in the list furnished 'under Article 665 (2) not to be attainable together with the 'reasons for their absence'; and that subject to these amend-

ments the said Revised General Orders ought to be approved and confirmed by Your Majesty, and that from the 1st day of April 1908 inclusive the said General Orders for regulating the Procedure and Practice of Naval Courts-Martial which with certain additional instructions issued for the guidance of Courts-Martial are contained in Chapter XVII. of the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service ought to be cancelled, and the said Revised General Orders annexed to the said Memorial so amended as aforesaid substituted in lieu thereof":

And whereas the provisions of Section one of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, having taken the said Report into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to approve the said Revised General Orders as amended:

And His Majesty was further pleased, by and with the like advice, to order, as it is hereby ordered, that from the 1st day of April 1908 inclusive the said existing General Orders shall be cancelled, and the Revised General Orders (copy of which is hereunto annexed) shall be substituted in lieu thereof.

REVISED GENERAL ORDERS ABOVE REFERRED TO.

NOTE.—The following additions should be made to the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, p. xii, "Explanation of Terms":—

"Convening Authority" shall mean the Admiralty or the Officer authorized pursuant to section 58 (9), (11), or (12) of the Naval Discipline Act to order Courts-Martial.

"Prescribed" shall mean prescribed from time to time by the Admiralty.

PROCEDURE PREPARATORY TO TRIAL.

(a) Where a Specific Charge is made.

Method of applying for Court-Martial Circumstantial Letter.

659. An application for the trial by Court-Martial of any person on any charge shall be made as follows:—There shall be forwarded to the Convening Authority through the usual channels a letter, hereinafter called the Circumstantial Letter, reporting the circumstances on which the charge or charges are founded in the order of their occurrence and in sufficient detail to show the real nature and extent of the offence;

when words constitute the substance of the offence, they are to be fully and exactly set out. The letter is not to refer *in any way* to the previous character or conduct of the offender, nor contain any reference to facts prejudicial to him other than such as bear directly on the charges.

660. There shall also be forwarded at the same time as the Circumstantial Letter a further Letter enclosing—

Documents to be sent with Circumstantial Letter.

(*a*) The charge or charges drawn in accordance with the prescribed forms in the very words in which the offence is described in the section of the Naval Discipline Act under which it falls.

(*b*) A list of witnesses for the prosecution.

(*c*) A summary of evidence in support of the charges.

And when the offender is below the rank of Subordinate Officer—

(*d*) A certified extract of all entries of offences and punishments in Conduct Book, or Defaulters' Sheet in the case of a Marine, prior to the date of the offence charged, but subsequent to his joining his present ship, and a Conduct Sheet, with his character assessed from the previous 31st December to the date of the offence with which he may be charged, but excluding all consideration of it.

(*e*) A certified copy of the offender's Certificate of Service.

Prisoner to have opportunity of preparing defence.

661. A prisoner, for whose trial by Court-Martial an application has been made, shall be afforded full opportunity of preparing his defence, and of free communication with his witnesses, or with any adviser whom he may wish to consult.

Prisoner may have person to assist him.

(2) Unless the prisoner desires to conduct his own case, he may have a person or persons to assist him during the trial, whether an Officer, legal adviser, or any other person. In case a prisoner below the rank of Officer should not obtain the help of any one for that purpose, it is to be considered part of the ordinary duty of the Officer of his division, or detachment if he is a Marine, to watch the case on his behalf, and assist him should he desire it.

(3) In the event of the Officer of the division or detachment being a witness for the prosecution, or unavailable, or ineligible for the duty for any other reason, the Captain is to direct another Officer to assist the prisoner.

(*b*) *Where no Specific Charge is made.*

Power of convening authority to

662. The Convening Authority may, subject to any orders from time to time made by the Admiralty, on his own motion,

order Court-Martial under sections 91 and 92 N.D.A.

issue a warrant in the prescribed form in accordance with the provisions of Sections 91 and 92 of the Naval Discipline Act, convening a Court-Martial to inquire into the cause of the wreck, loss, destruction, or capture of one of His Majesty's Ships.

(2) No Circumstantial Letter shall be necessary, but if the Convening Authority shall have received from the Commanding Officer, or from the senior surviving Officer of such ship, a report of the circumstances of the loss, &c., such report shall be sent with the warrant to the President of the Court.

DUTIES OF THE CONVENING AUTHORITY.

Convening authority to satisfy himself of sufficiency of charges and evidence.

663. When it is proposed to try a person on any charge, the Convening Authority shall not order a Court-Martial to assemble until he shall have satisfied himself that the charges are correct and sufficient, and that they are properly framed and carefully drawn up, and until he has also satisfied himself that the evidence, if uncontradicted or unexplained, will probably suffice to ensure a conviction.

To issue warrant to President.

(2) The Convening Authority shall issue to the Officer appointed by him to preside at the Court-Martial a warrant under his hand in the prescribed form, directing him to assemble a Court-Martial, and shall, when the Court-Martial is appointed to try any person on any charge, transmit to the President the Circumstantial Letter and the charge or charges with the warrant.

May, in certain cases, appoint Deputy Judge Advocate, and must forward documents to him.

664. In any case the Convening Authority, if Commander-in-Chief of any fleet or squadron, may, in the absence of the Judge-Advocate of the Fleet or his Deputy and in default of any appointment in that behalf by the Admiralty, by warrant under his hand in the prescribed form, appoint a person to officiate as Deputy Judge-Advocate at the trial, and shall (except when the trial is to be held under Sections 91 and 92 of the Naval Discipline Act) send him a copy of the charge, and of the Circumstantial Letter, and shall forward to him (or to the President for him) in all cases the documents mentioned in Article 660 (*b*) and (*c*), and in case of the trial of an Officer, the list of Officers who have been tried by Court-Martial, or a certified extract therefrom, and in the case of the trial of a person below the rank of subordinate Officer, the documents mentioned in Article 660 (*d*) and (*e*).

To appoint a Provost-Marshal.

(2) The Convening Authority or, in his absence, the Senior Naval Officer present, shall, by warrant under his hand in the prescribed form, appoint a Provost-Marshal to take the

accused into his custody and safely keep him until he shall have been delivered in due course of law.

(3) It is the duty of the Captain of the ship to which the accused belongs in ordinary cases to act as prosecutor, but if for any reason it is undesirable or impossible for the Captain or Executive Officer of that ship to conduct the prosecution, the Convening Authority shall appoint a competent Officer to undertake the duty. When to appoint a prosecutor.

CONSTITUTION AND SUMMONING OF THE COURT.

665. Whenever a Court-Martial is ordered, such timely notice as may be practicable, and which, as a general rule, should be not less than 24 hours, shall be given in General Orders or by signal to the ships present, so that the proper Officers may be prepared to attend at the place and hour appointed. The names of the President and of the Officers whose presence it is anticipated will be required are at the same time to be made known, and after such notice no Officer junior to the President of a rank eligible to sit as a Member is to proceed on leave of absence without the express authority of the Officer ordering the Court-Martial, or of the Senior Officer present. Timely notice to be given.

(2) On the morning of the day appointed for the Court-Martial to be held, the Commander-in-Chief or Senior Officer present shall send to the President a list of the Officers who are eligible and may be required to sit as Members, notifying if there be any whose attendance is not attainable by reason of the exigencies of the public service. This list is also to give the names of any Officers absent on leave.

(3) The Commander-in-Chief or Senior Officer present shall, by signal, order the President to make a signal not less than one hour before the time appointed for the Court-Martial to assemble, summoning the Officers junior to himself present at the place where the Court-Martial shall be held, to sit thereon, which latter signal shall be deemed to be a compliance with Section 58 (16) of the Naval Discipline Act. Summoning members.

666. Officers whose duty it may be to attend as Members of a Court-Martial shall sit only in the confirmed rank they hold in the Service, notwithstanding they may be borne on the books of the ships to which they may respectively belong in a superior rank, but Commodores when not acting in conjunction with Senior Captains shall sit as Commodores, otherwise as Captains only. Officers to sit in confirmed rank.

(2) Any Officer who, on promotion, may not be reappointed in the higher rank by the Admiralty, but who may temporarily retain his appointment in the lower rank, shall sit at Courts-Martial in the rank from which he was promoted, but senior of that rank; if, however, two or more Officers promoted to the same rank and similarly circumstanced be present, they shall sit in the order in which they stood on the official list in their lower rank.

Absence of Member of Court, effect of.

667. A Member of a Court who may have been absent during any part of the trial of a prisoner can take no further part in the trial, but the Court will not be affected except as provided by Section 60 of the Naval Discipline Act.

Duties of the President.

668. If the President appoints a person to officiate as Deputy Judge-Advocate, he shall forward to him with the warrant, a copy of the charge or charges and Circumstantial Letter.

Responsible for delivery of notices, &c. to prisoner.

(2) In every case in which any person is about to be tried on any charge the President shall satisfy himself that the accused has been furnished, at the earliest possible moment, with a copy of the Charge Sheet and of the Circumstantial Letter, a list of witnesses for the prosecution, and a notice that it is competent for him to give evidence on his own behalf.

At least 24 hours before trial.

(3) If, in pressing circumstances, where delay would be very inconvenient to the public service, the above-mentioned documents shall not have been furnished to the prisoner 24 hours before trial, this fact shall be recorded in the Minutes of the Proceedings, together with a statement of the pressing circumstances which prevented their being so furnished.

Except in pressing circumstances.

Or mutiny.

(4) Notwithstanding anything herein contained, in the case of mutiny the trial may take place immediately after the commission of the offence.

To appoint Officer of Court.

(5) The President shall appoint an Officer to be Officer of the Court, and shall give him such orders as may be necessary for the due transaction of the business of the Court.

Responsible for due constitution of Court and conduct of trial.

(6) The President shall be responsible for the due constitution of the Court and for the trial being conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Naval Discipline Act in force for the time being with the general orders framed thereunder, and with any supplementary orders given by the Admiralty.

(7) In the event of there being no prosecutor the Court and the Judge-Advocate shall ask such questions of the witnesses as may be necessary to bring the whole case fully before the Court.

If no prosecutor, to ask questions of witnesses.

DUTIES OF THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE.

669. The Judge-Advocate shall give notice in writing to the prisoner of the time and date of the trial, and that it is competent for him to give evidence on his own behalf. He shall also cause the prisoner to be furnished with a copy of the Charges, Circumstantial Letter, the List of Witnesses for the Prosecution, and if the prosecutor should at a later stage desire to call any further witnesses, the Judge-Advocate shall give the prisoner immediate notice of his intention to do so. He shall also inform the prisoner that any witnesses whom he may desire to call shall be summoned on his behalf, and shall inform the President that he has performed these duties. The Judge-Advocate shall inform the prosecutor of the date and time of the Court-Martial, and request him to forward certified copies (in the case of an Officer) of any of the documents mentioned in Article 694 (*a*) ii., and (in the case of a person below the rank of subordinate Officer) of the documents mentioned in Article 694 (*b*) i. He shall also forward to the prosecutor a copy of the charges if the charges submitted have been amended by the Convening Authority.

Duty to prisoner.

Report to President.

Duty to prosecutor.

(2) The Judge-Advocate shall take the necessary steps to procure the attendance of the witnesses whom the prosecutor or the prisoner may desire to call, and whose attendance can reasonably be procured, serving them with a summons in the prescribed form under Section 66 of the Naval Discipline Act. Should it appear that any witness has been summoned without due cause, the person requiring the attendance of such witness may, at the discretion of the Admiralty at home, or Commander-in-Chief abroad, be required to refund the cost of such attendance. Without prejudice to this provision, the payment of reasonable expenses of the witnesses not subject to the Naval Discipline Act, who may have been summoned to give evidence at a Court-Martial, shall be made by the Judge-Advocate, who shall be repaid under the direction of the President by the Accountant Officer of the Flag or Senior Officer's Ship at the port where the Court-Martial may be assembled; and the Judge-Advocate shall report to the Secretary of the Admiralty the particulars of all such payments when the Minutes of the Proceedings are forwarded, or as soon after as may be.

Expenses of witnesses, how to be paid.

Duty to prosecutor and prisoner.

(3) At all times after the Judge-Advocate has been appointed, the prosecutor and the prisoner shall, if they ask for it, be entitled to his opinion on any question of law relating to the charge or trial, subject, should he be in Court, to the permission of the Court.

To call attention to defect in charge or constitution.

Whether consulted or not, he shall inform the Convening Authority and the Court of any informality or defect in the charge, or in the constitution of the Court.

To advise Court.

(4) The Judge-Advocate shall, whether his opinion is asked or not, advise the Court to the utmost of his knowledge and ability, not only on questions relating to Naval Law and to the procedure of the Courts-Martial, as they arise, but also on every question of doubt or difficulty with reference to Common or Statute Law, to the law and rules of evidence, and to the rules and regulations of the Service generally.

Any information, advice, or opinion given to the Court on any matter before it shall be entered in the proceedings if he, or the Court, desire it.

To be impartial and protect prisoner.

(5) The Judge-Advocate shall maintain an entirely impartial position. He shall not act as prosecutor. He shall take care that the accused does not suffer any disadvantage in consequence of his position as prisoner, or of his ignorance, or of his incapacity to examine or cross-examine witnesses, or of any other cause, and for that purpose, with the permission of the Court, he may call witnesses and put such questions to any witness as may appear necessary to elicit the truth.

To take minutes in prescribed form.

(6) The Judge-Advocate shall be responsible for the due recording of the Minutes in the prescribed form. He or the shorthand writer shall take down in writing and number consecutively the questions put to, and the answers given by, each witness; and shall read the same in the hearing of the witness, when required to do so, in order that any mistake may be corrected. No erasures are to be made in the Minutes, and all correction or interlineations are to be verified by his initials.

Procedure at the Trial.

Place of Court-Martial.

670. Courts-Martial shall be assembled and held in the most convenient part of the ship, and shall be public, and all persons, except such as may be summoned to give evidence, shall be admitted.

Opening Court.

671. As soon as the Court has been assembled the prisoner shall be brought in, and the prosecutor and audience admitted. The Judge-Advocate shall read the warrant for assembling the

Court, and the names of the Officers whose attendance is stated in the list furnished under Article 665 (2) not to be attainable together with the reasons for their absence.

(2) The Judge-Advocate shall read the names of the Officers composing the Court, and shall ask the prosecutor whether he objects to any of them. **Objections by prosecutor.**

(3) If the prosecutor shall have made no objection, or, after any objection made by the prosecutor has been disposed of, the Judge-Advocate shall ask the prisoner if he objects to any Member of the Court. **By prisoner.**

The following provisions shall apply to the case of objections both by the prosecutor and the prisoner:— **Procedure on objection being made.**

(4) Neither the prosecutor nor the prisoner can object to the Judge-Advocate. **No objection to Judge-Advocate.**

(5) Any Member may be objected to on any ground which affects his competency to act as an impartial judge.

(6) Objections to Members shall be decided separately, that to the Officer lowest in rank being taken first; all the other Members, whether objected to or not, shall vote as to the disposal of the objection.

(7) On an objection being allowed, the Member is at once to retire, and his place is to be filled up before an objection against another Officer is considered.

(8) Should the President be objected to, and the objection be allowed, the Court is to adjourn until a new President has been appointed by the Convening Authority. **Objection to President.**

(9) Should a Member be objected to on the ground of being summoned as a witness, and should it be found that the objection has been made in good faith, and that the Officer is to give evidence as to facts, and not merely as to character, the objection should be allowed, whether made by the prosecutor or by the prisoner. Should, however, it be found that the Officer was summoned to give evidence without a sufficient cause, and merely to disqualify him from sitting, the Court is to exercise its discretion in regard to allowing the objection. **Grounds of objection if summoned as a witness.**

672. The Judge-Advocate shall then ask the prisoner whether he has any further objection to make respecting the constitution of the Court. Should he raise any objection, it shall then be decided by the Court. **Objection to constitution.**

(2) If the prisoner should have no further objection to make to the constitution of the Court, the Members and the Judge-Advocate shall then take the oaths in the manner prescribed by the Naval Discipline Act. **Court and Judge-Advocate sworn.**

Commencement of trial.

673. The trial shall commence by the Judge-Advocate reading the charge and the Circumstantial Letter.

Functions of prisoners' friend.

674. A person assisting a prisoner may advise him on all points; may by permission of the President, *but not otherwise*, on the prisoner's behalf, examine and cross-examine witnesses, other than the prisoner himself; may in every case, however, suggest to the prisoner questions to be put to witnesses, and may read the prisoner's defence or statement in mitigation of punishment, but he is not to address the Court.

Prisoner not obliged to plead.

Effect of plea of guilty.

Statement in mitigation.

When plea not to be accepted.

When to be accepted.

675. The prisoner shall not be called on to plead to the charge or charges, but should he voluntarily plead guilty his plea is to be recorded on the Minutes. If the prisoner pleads guilty he shall be deemed to have admitted the accuracy of all the material statements contained in the Circumstantial Letter. In such a case, before the Court proceeds to deliberate on the sentence, the prisoner may make a statement in mitigation of punishment; if written, it must be signed by himself, and shall be read to the Court, and attached to the proceedings. Should this statement, in the opinion of the Court, amount to a plea of "Not guilty" or should the Court be satisfied by such statement, or by any other means, that the prisoner does not understand the effect of a plea of "Guilty," or should the Court be of opinion that the circumstances of the case are such that the proper sentence cannot be awarded unless the facts are investigated, such plea of "Guilty" is not to be accepted, but the trial is to be proceeded with as if the prisoner had not pleaded. If, however, the statement is, in the opinion of the Court, not inconsistent with a plea of "Guilty," and if the Court is satisfied that the prisoner understands the effect of such a plea and that no further investigation is required, such plea is to be accepted.

Calling of witnesses.

676. If the prisoner does not voluntarily plead guilty, or if his plea of guilty is not accepted, the trial shall proceed, and the witnesses for the prosecution shall be called. No witness whose name was not included in the original list of witnesses shall be called by the prosecutor unless the Judge-Advocate has given notice to the prisoner that he intends to call such witness.

Interpreter.

677. At any time during the trial, should the Court think it necessary, or should either the prosecutor or the prisoner request it on any reasonable ground, an impartial person shall be employed to act as interpreter, and sworn in due course.

(2) At any time during the trial, should the Court think it desirable, an impartial person or persons may be employed to act as shorthand writer, and duly sworn. **Shorthand writer.**

678. Before a person is sworn as interpreter or shorthand writer, the prisoner should be informed of the person whom it is proposed to employ, and may object to such person as not being impartial; and the Court, should it think such objection reasonable, shall not swear that person as interpreter or shorthand writer. **Prisoner can object to interpreter or shorthand writer.**

(2) If a shorthand writer is employed, the evidence given by a witness shall, when required by the Court or the witness, be read over to him by the shorthand writer before the witness leaves the Court. **Reading over shorthand notes.**

(3) The transcript of the shorthand writer's notes, made and signed by him, and certified as such by the Judge-Advocate, shall constitute the original Proceedings of the Court. **Transcript of shorthand notes.**

679. No witness shall be examined until he has been duly sworn. Except as hereinafter provided the oath shall be administered in the following manner:— **Witnesses to be sworn or to affirm.**

The person sworn shall take a book containing the Old or New Testament, as the case may be, in his right hand ungloved, and shall distinctly and solemnly repeat after the Judge-Advocate the words of the oath, and, after saying the words "So help me God," shall reverently kiss the book.

(2) Except as hereinafter provided, all persons shall be sworn on the New Testament; the forms of oath to be made use of shall be as follows:— **Forms of oath.**

For a Witness:—

I, A.B., *do most solemnly swear that in the evidence I shall give before the Court on the present trial I will, whether it be favourable or unfavourable to the prisoner, declare the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; so help me God.*

For the Prisoner:—

I, A.B., *do most solemnly swear that the evidence I shall give on my own behalf shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; so help me God.*

For a Shorthand Writer:—

I, A.B., *do most solemnly swear that I will truly take down, to the best of my power, the evidence to be given before this Court-Martial, and such other matters as I may be required, and, when required, will deliver to the Court a true transcript of the same; so help me God.*

For an Interpreter :—

I, A.B., *do most solemnly swear that I will, to the best of my ability, truly interpret and translate, as I shall be required to do, touching the matter before this Court-Martial; so help me God.*

If witness a Jew.

(3) The invocation in the case of a Jew shall be "*So help me Jehovah,*" and he shall be sworn on the Old Testament.

Scottish form of oath permitted.

(4) If any person to whom an oath is to be administered desires to be sworn with uplifted hand in the Scottish manner, he shall be thus sworn :—

He shall stand with his right hand raised above his shoulder and shall slowly and distinctly repeat the following words after the Judge-Advocate :—

I swear by Almighty God as I shall answer to God in the last great day of judgment that . . . .

proceeding with the words of the oath prescribed, omitting the words of invocation, and not making use of any book.

Affirmation permitted in certain cases.

(5) Any person upon objecting to be sworn on the grounds that he has no religious belief, or that the taking of an oath is contrary to his religious belief, may make his solemn affirmation as follows, slowly and distinctly repeating the words after the Judge-Advocate :—

I, A.B., *do solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm that . . . .*

and then proceed with the words of the oath prescribed, omitting the words of invocation, and not making use of any book.

Other forms permitted.

680. In all cases where the above forms of oath are not binding on the conscience of the person to be sworn, such person shall be sworn in such form as he may declare to be binding on his conscience.

The Examination of Witnesses.

Presence of witnesses in Court.

681. Witnesses must not be present in Court during any part of the proceedings, unless by permission of the Court, except when under examination, and except when the Court re-opens for reading the Finding and the Sentence.

Prosecutor a competent witness.

(2) The prosecutor is a competent witness; but when there are other witnesses to the facts, his evidence shall be taken first. He may be recalled for examination or re-examination by the Court, or for cross-examination by the prisoner, during any part of the proceedings, but not for the purpose of giving

evidence of any additional fact in support of the case for the prosecution.

(3) A member of the Court, whether previously objected to or not by either side, is not necessarily disqualified from being examined as a witness should it be found in the course of the proceedings that he can give material evidence. **Members of Court not disqualified.**

682. The examination of all witnesses shall be oral, and, except in the case mentioned in Article 683, shall be taken in the presence of the Court. Unless a strong reason to the contrary exists, the evidence of witnesses shall be taken at one examination in regard to all the charges. **To be oral.**

(2) The examination of all witnesses shall be conducted as follows:—First, they shall be examined by the person calling them; after which, they may be cross-examined by the opposite party should he desire to do so; then re-examined by the person calling them, but only on matter arising out of the cross-examination; and finally examined by the Court and Judge-Advocate. **Order of examination, &c.**

(3) On the application of the prisoner, the Court should allow his cross-examination of a witness to be postponed, unless it should appear that the request has been made for the purpose of obstruction. **Postponement of cross-examination.**

(4) In addition to exercising the right of examination above conferred, the Court and the Judge-Advocate may put questions to any witness at any period of his examination for the purpose of elucidating any answers previously given by him. **Court and Judge-Advocate may ask questions;**

(5) The Court, and the Judge-Advocate with the consent of the Court, may at any time during the trial recall a witness; and may, before the prisoner gives evidence or is called on for his defence, also call and examine any other person touching the matter in question, whose evidence the Court may deem necessary for the furtherance of the ends of justice. After the close of the case for the defence, they may call and examine any other person whose evidence the accused may show to the Court to be material in his behalf, or any medical officer whose professional opinion as to the prisoner's condition the Court may desire to have. **And may recall witness or call additional witnesses.**

(6) The prosecutor is not bound to call all the witnesses whose names are on the list given to the prisoner, but he shall call such of them as the prisoner may desire to be called, in order that the prisoner may cross-examine them, if he wishes to do so. Such witness or witnesses shall be called before the prosecution is finally closed. **Prosecutor to call witnesses summoned if required by prisoner.**

Witness unable to appear in Court.

683. If any material witness should be in hospital, or otherwise unable from sickness to appear before the Court, the Court shall adjourn, and his evidence shall be taken on oath before a Magistrate or Consul, in the presence of the Judge-Advocate, of the prisoner, of the prisoner's adviser, should there be one, and of the prosecutor; and full opportunity shall be afforded of cross-examining the witness. The Judge-Advocate shall take down the evidence, as in the case of other witnesses, and on his return to the Court shall lay before it the evidence which has thus been taken, and shall attach it to the Minutes.

Question objected to.

684. Should a question proposed be objected to, the opinion of the Court shall be taken, and the question shall be admitted or rejected as the majority may decide. The fact of the objection being made, the ground thereof, and the decision of the Court shall be recorded in the Minutes.

Warning to witness prevaricating, &c.

685. If at any time it appears to the Court that any witness is prevaricating in his evidence or behaving with contempt, the President shall warn the witness that under Section 66 of the Naval Discipline Act he is liable to imprisonment for such prevarication or contempt. The fact that this warning has been given shall be recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings.

EVIDENCE IN CASES OF LOSS, STRANDING, OR HAZARDING H.M. SHIPS.

Charges of loss, stranding, &c. H.M. ships.

686. If a Court-Martial should be ordered to inquire into the loss, stranding, or hazarding of a ship, or to try a charge arising therefrom, the following points, in addition to the customary investigation, are to be attended to when practicable:—

Special directions.

(*a*) The ship's log book and deck log book; the last table of compass deviations; the subsequent observed deviations of the compass at sea, and the compass journal, as directed in Article 1,000; the Captain's night order book; the navigating Officer's note-book and work book; and the chart or charts and sailing directions by which the ship was navigated, are to be produced.

(*b*) The Court shall ascertain whether the proper chart and all hydrographical notices bearing on the case had been supplied, and if so, whether they had been used; whether the position of the ship had been fixed, if at sea, by means of observations at noon and at any later time, if in sight of land, by means

of fixes by the land; if not, when it was last ascertained so correctly that reliance should have been placed on it; and whether the courses steered by standard compass, and the distances run between the time when the position of the ship was last correctly ascertained and that of the occurrence, were noted in the deck log book. The Court shall also examine the compass journal to ascertain the degree of reliance that can be placed on the deviations of the standard compass.

(*c*) The Court shall direct one or more navigating or other competent Officers of ships present to work up the ship's reckoning from the log and the navigating Officer's note-book and work book (Article 1023), and the rough and fair engine-room registers, from the time when her position was last accurately ascertained (or from such a time and with such details as the Court may require) to the time of her taking, or being in danger of taking, the ground; the result is to be delivered to the Court, attested by the signature of such Officer or Officers, and to its accuracy he or they are to be sworn and to be subject to cross-examination. The positions of the ship, so determined, are to be laid off on the chart by which she was navigated, and also the determined position when ashore or in danger, as noted in the log book. The rate and direction of the current and of the tidal stream, and the time of tide should also, if possible, be ascertained, stated, and equally verified on oath.

(*d*) These documents, viz., the result and the chart, as well as an attested copy of the ship's log book and the engine-room register, commencing from at least 48 hours before the ship took the ground or was in danger, if so long from a known anchorage, are to accompany the Minutes.

(*e*) The Court shall inquire whether the regulations contained in Article 978, with regard to the use of the sounding-machines and hand leads, were carefully observed.

687. The examination of the Officer, or Officers, who have been directed to perform the duty mentioned in Article 686 (*e*) is to be limited to ascertaining the accuracy or inaccuracy of the document thus laid before the Court.

THE DEFENCE.

Time for preparation to be allowed to prisoner.

688. The prosecution being closed, and the witnesses, if any, called by the Court, having been examined, the prisoner shall be called on for his defence, and shall, on his application, be granted a reasonable time for the preparation of the same. The Court shall adjourn during that time, and may adjourn again from time to time on the application of the prisoner if he shall satisfy the Court that the time granted him has not been sufficient for the due preparation of his defence.

Prisoner's defence.

When to be made.

689. The prisoner's statement in defence may be either oral or in writing; if oral, it shall be recorded in the Minutes as nearly as possible in the prisoner's own words; if in writing, it shall be signed by him, and attached to the Minutes. Such statement shall be made or read, if the prisoner elects to give evidence and is the only witness for the defence, immediately after he gives evidence; in all other cases, after the close of the case for the prosecution, and before he himself gives evidence.

Criminal Evidence Act applied.

(2) The Criminal Evidence Act, 1898, is hereby, pursuant to Section 6 (2) (*a*) of the said Act, applied to Naval Courts-Martial.

Witnesses for defence.

(3) The prisoner shall produce his other witnesses for the defence after he has given his own evidence; but should the prisoner not have applied to be examined as a witness, he is to be called on to produce his witnesses after he has made his statement in defence. The witnesses for the defence shall be examined, cross-examined, and re-examined as mentioned in Article 682 (2).

Prisoner's right to reply in certain cases.

(4) The prisoner may, with the consent of the Court, after the conclusion of the evidence, deal with any discrepancies between his evidence or statement and the evidence of the witnesses called by him, and comment on any new fact that may be elicited during the examination of his witnesses.

Application to Courts-Martial under section 92 of N.D.A.

(5) In applying the above provisions to the case of a Court-Martial held under Section 92 of the Naval Discipline Act, they shall be construed as if the words "any Officer or "member of the crew of any of His Majesty's Ships wrecked, "lost, captured, or destroyed, against whom any allegation "has been made" were substituted for the word "prisoner."

AMENDMENT OF THE CHARGE.

Power of Court to

690. If at any time in the course of a trial after the Court has been sworn, but before the prisoner's guilt or innocence

has been determined, the Court shall be satisfied that there is a variance between the charge or charges and the evidence adduced in support thereof, and shall consider that such variance is not material to the merits of the case, and that the prisoner cannot, by the amendment of the variance, be substantially prejudiced in his defence, it may direct the Judge-Advocate to amend the charge or charges, adjourning, if the Court deem it necessary, for a reasonable time to enable the prisoner to meet the charge or charges so amended. All such amendments shall be noted in the Minutes, and shall be verified on the original documents by the signature of the President.

amend in certain cases.

Ascertaining Opinion of the Court.

691. In taking the opinion of the Court upon all questions, the Junior Member shall vote first, and then the other Members, in order of seniority to the President, all voting orally, and the votes of the majority, except for judgment of death (which is specially provided for by Section 53 (2) of the Naval Discipline Act), shall decide the question. Should the Members disagree upon any question, and on a division the votes be equal, the construction most favourable to prisoner shall prevail. (*See also* Article 695.)

Voting to be oral, junior first.

The Finding.

692. When the evidence has been closed the prisoner shall be removed, and the prosecutor and bystanders ordered to withdraw. The Court shall then consider the matter in evidence before it, and the Judge-Advocate, if so directed by the Court, shall draw up such questions as shall be agreed upon whereon to form a determination in regard to the innocence or guilt of the prisoner. The Judge-Advocate shall then draw up the Finding.

Finding of Court.

(2) The Finding shall be signed by every Member of the Court by way of attestation notwithstanding any difference of opinion there may have been among the Members, and be countersigned by the Judge-Advocate.

693. The Court shall be re-opened, the prisoner brought in, and the Judge-Advocate, by direction of the Court, shall read the Finding.

Reading of Finding.

694. If the prisoner is found guilty, the Court, before awarding punishment, in addition to any oral evidence of general character that may be adduced, shall take into

Guilty. Evidence as to character.

consideration the following documents, which shall be read in open Court:—

(*a*) *In the case of an Officer*—

i. Any entries against him in the list of Officers who have been tried by Court-Martial.

ii. Any previous entries against him in the log of the ship to which he may have belonged when the offence or offences for which he is being tried were committed, and also any documents other than such entries in the log, of the nature of a definite censure by superior authority for a definite offence; which log and documents the prosecution is to produce.

iii. Any certificates or other documentary evidence of character which the prisoner may produce.

(*b*) *In the case of a person below the rank of Subordinate Officer*—

i. The entries against him in the Conduct Book or Defaulters' Sheet in the case of a Marine, prior to the date of the offence charged, but subsequent to his joining his present ship.

ii. His Certificate of Service.

iii. His Conduct Sheet, with character assessed from the previous 31st December to the date of the offence for which he may be under trial, but excluding all consideration of it.

THE SENTENCE.

All members to vote on sentence.

695. The Court shall then be cleared, and the Members shall consider and determine on the punishment proper to be inflicted in conformity with the Finding. All the Members of the Court, whether they have voted for an acquittal or not, shall vote on the question of what punishment is proper to be awarded for the offence of which the prisoner has been found guilty. In the event of the votes varying so considerably as not to give an actual majority in favour of the award of any given punishment, the President shall call on the members to revise their votes.

Notations of conduct of witnesses, &c.

2. If the Court should desire to draw attention to the conduct or manner of giving evidence of any witness, an entry to that effect should be made on the Minutes after the sentence, of which latter it is not, however, to form any part, unless sentence is passed on such witness under Section 66 of the Naval Discipline Act.

3. Except as above, all representations which the Court may desire to make with reference to matters arising out of the Court-Martial are to be made the subject of a separate letter signed by the President before the Court has been dissolved, and are not to form part of the recorded proceedings of the Court. **Other representations.**

696. The Judge-Advocate shall draw up the Sentence in the prescribed form; it shall be signed by every Member of the Court by way of attestation, notwithstanding any difference of opinion there may have been among the Members, and shall be countersigned by the Judge-Advocate. The Court shall then be re-opened, and the prisoner brought in, and the Judge-Advocate shall, by direction of the Court, pronounce the Sentence. The prisoner shall be removed and the Court dissolved. **Drawing up and pronouncing sentence.**

(2) As soon as the Court has been dissolved, the President is to wait upon the Commander-in-Chief or Senior Officer with a letter reporting the Finding and the Sentence of the Court-Martial. **Report to Commander-in-Chief.**

(3) The Commander-in-Chief or Senior Officer present, before he takes any step to give effect to the sentence, either by issuing his certificate for the detention of the prisoner in penal servitude or warrant for his imprisonment or otherwise, shall satisfy himself by a careful examination of the Minutes of the Proceedings that no fatal error has been committed in the conduct of the Court-Martial calculated, in his opinion, to invalidate the finding of the Court-Martial. If he should doubt the correctness of the Finding in fact or in law, or the legality of the Sentence, he shall suspend the execution of the Sentence pending reference to the Admiralty. **Legality of sentence.**

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No. 186. *2nd November* 1907.

A.

PROMOTION OF MIDSHIPMEN AND ACTING SUB-LIEUTENANTS, R.N.R.

Regulations amended.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, and other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval and Royal

Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas in the Regulations for the Royal Naval Reserve approved by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the twentieth day of October 1902, it is, inter alia, provided—(1) that Midshipmen who have undergone twelve months' training in Your Majesty's Navy, with a qualifying certificate for training and a very good certificate for conduct, will be eligible for promotion to the rank of Sub-Lieutenant if they have five years' service in the Royal Naval Reserve including service in the Navy, provided a First Mate's Certificate of Competency is obtained; (2) that Midshipmen who have not undergone twelve months' training in Your Majesty's Navy will, after six years in the Royal Naval Reserve, be eligible for appointment as Acting Sub-Lieutenant, provided a First Mate's Provisional Certificate of Competency is obtained and that they possess a test certificate in Gunnery, and will be eligible for confirmation of rank as Sub-Lieutenant on obtaining an Ordinary Master's Certificate or Provisional Certificate of Competency as Master; and (3) that such appointment as Acting Sub-Lieutenant shall not be held for a period exceeding five years, the names of Officers failing to become qualified for confirmation within this period being removed from the List:

And whereas it has been brought to our notice that the rank of Midshipman is in many cases not commensurate with the position held by these Officers in the Mercantile Marine:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the amendment of the Regulations referred to above so as to read as follows—

Midshipmen will be eligible for appointment as Acting Sub-Lieutenants in the Royal Naval Reserve provided:—

(*a*) They have three years' seniority as Midshipmen in the Royal Naval Reserve and are not less than twenty-one years of age;

(*b*) They possess a First Mate's or a Provisional First Mate's Certificate of Competency;

(*c*) They have performed the requisite amount of training and have obtained a Test Certificate in Gunnery:

Midshipmen and Acting Sub-Lieutenants who have undergone twelve months' Naval training with a qualifying

certificate for training and a very good certificate for conduct, will be eligible for promotion to the rank of Sub-Lieutenant provided they have five years' service in the Royal Naval Reserve, including service in the Royal Navy, and have obtained a First Mate's Certificate of Competency:

Midshipmen and Acting Sub-Lieutenants who have not undergone twelve months' training in the Royal Navy will be eligible for promotion to the rank of Sub-Lieutenant, provided they have six years' service in the Royal Naval Reserve and have obtained an Ordinary Master's Certificate or Provisional Certificate of Competency as Master and a Test Certificate in Gunnery:

The names of Acting Sub-Lieutenants who fail to qualify for confirmation in rank by the time they reach the age of thirty years will be removed from the List.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

No. 187. *2nd November* 1907.

A.

ENGINEER LIEUTENANTS ON THE SENIOR LIST—ALLOWANCE TO, AS SENIOR ENGINEERS IN CERTAIN SHIPS.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, and other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas we have had under our consideration the question of the conditions under which an allowance of from One shilling to Two shillings and sixpence a day is at present payable to Engineer Lieutenants on the Junior List of Your Majesty's Navy when employed as Senior Engineers in Ships in commission of 3,000 indicated horse power and upwards:

And whereas we are of opinion that this allowance should be payable also to Engineer Lieutenants on the Senior List when similarly employed:

We therefore beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council

to empower us, as from the first day of October 1907, to pay this allowance to Engineer Lieutenants on the Senior List under the same conditions at at present apply to Engineer Lieutenants on the Junior List.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 188. *2nd November* 1907.

v.

ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF VICTUALS AND MESSING ALLOWANCE.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the ninth day of September last, Your Majesty was graciously pleased to direct that Officers, Commissioned Warrant Officers, or Warrant Officers of Your Majesty's Navy or Royal Marines borne on Ships' Books, and Domestics, are to receive at our discretion (in lieu of the Victuals and Messing Allowance mentioned in the First Schedule of the said Order in Council) an inclusive Messing Allowance at the rate of 10*d.* per diem, subject to a deduction at the rate of one halfpenny per diem in the case of any Commissioned Warrant Officer or Warrant Officer of Your Majesty's Navy or Royal Marines, or Domestic, who elects to receive the Spirit Ration in kind:

And whereas we are of opinion that in certain instances it is desirable that payment of an allowance in lieu of Victuals and Messing Allowance of 4*d.* per diem should be extended to other persons than those enumerated in that Order in Council:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the issue, at our discretion, as from the 1st October 1907, to any person belonging to Your Majesty's Navy or Royal Marines borne on Ships' Books of either of the following inclusive allowances, in lieu of Victuals and Messing Allowance of 4*d.* per diem, viz.:—

(*a*) 10*d.* per diem, subject to a deduction of one halfpenny per diem when the Spirit Ration is received in kind, or

(*b*) 9½*d.* per diem, with the issue in addition of the Spirit Ration in kind or payment of Grog Money in lieu.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 189. *2nd November* 1907.
A.G.

EXTENSION OF GRANT OF RATING OF YEOMAN OF STORES.

Variation of Allowance.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas by Order in Council bearing date the 28th day of March 1903, Your Majesty was graciously pleased to sanction the introduction of the non-substantive rating of Yeoman of Stores, to be held in such ships as the Admiralty may direct, by a Stoker rating, with an allowance at the rate of fourpence a day in addition to the pay and allowances of his rating:

And whereas we consider that it would be to the benefit of Your Majesty's Naval Service to extend the grant of the rating and an allowance to vessels smaller than those in which it is justifiable to pay the full allowance of fourpence a day:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to vary the rate of allowance within the existing maximum of fourpence a day, and the conditions of payment, in such manner as may from time to time seem to us desirable; the provisions herein to take effect from 1st October 1907.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. $\frac{3907.}{1907.}$

No. 190. *2nd November* 1907.

A.G.

COLONIAL EMPLOYMENT OF SEAMEN AND MARINES IN WEST AFRICA TO COUNT AS DOUBLE TIME FOR PENSION.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner, and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas by Your Majesty's Royal Warrant for Pay, Promotion, &c. in the Army it is ordained that any unforfeited service not less than a year given by an European soldier on the West Coast of Africa shall reckon double as qualifying service towards pension:

And whereas we are of opinion that Seamen or Marines lent for Colonial employment should enjoy the same advantage as other men with whom they are serving:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize us, at our discretion, to grant to Seamen or Marines who have been lent, or who may be lent, for Colonial employment in West Africa the privilege of counting such service as double time for all purposes as regards pension under the conditions laid down in Article 1149 of Your Majesty's Royal Warrant, 1906.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

N.P. 3908. 1907.

No. 191. *21st December* 1907.

N.

OFFICERS, R.M., EMPLOYED ON WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY DUTIES, &c.

Allowances.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay,

pensions or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the eleventh day of August 1903 we are authorized to pay an allowance of two shillings and sixpence a day to Officers of Your Majesty's Royal Marine Forces who may be employed as Instructors of Wireless Telegraphy on the Staffs of Your Majesty's Torpedo Schools:

And whereas we are of opinion that payment of this allowance should be extended to Officers of the Royal Marines when employed as Instructors of Wireless Telegraphy elsewhere than on the Staffs of the Torpedo Schools:

And whereas we also find it necessary to employ Officers of the Royal Marines as Assistants for Wireless Telegraphy duties in Your Majesty's Fleet; and we are of opinion that the extra responsibility thus imposed upon these Officers merits additional remuneration:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following proposals:—

(1) That we be authorized to grant the allowance of two shillings and sixpence a day to Officers of the Royal Marines employed as Instructors of Wireless Telegraphy in such appointments as we may see fit and in such numbers as may from time to time be determined by us with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury:

(2) That, in the case of an Officer of the Royal Marines who has been employed as Instructor of Wireless Telegraphy in an appointment other than on the Staff of a Torpedo School, payment of this allowance may take effect from the twenty-second day of July 1906, the date on which the Officer in question actually commenced the duties:

(3) That an allowance of one shilling a day be granted to every Officer of the Royal Marines actually employed as Assistant for Wireless Telegraphy duties in Your Majesty's Fleet.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{82.}{1908.}$

No. 191*. 21*st December* 1907.

N.

ALLOWANCE TO ENGINEER COMMANDER BORNE FOR FLEET DUTIES ON CHINA STATION.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner, and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas we have had under our consideration the duties performed by the Engineer Commander borne for Fleet duties on the China Station:

And whereas we are of opinion that the nature and responsibility of those duties merit recognition by the grant of extra remuneration:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction an allowance of 5*s.* a day, in addition to full pay being granted to the Officer in question, so long as no Engineer Captain is borne for Fleet duties on the China Station, such allowance to take effect from the first day of April, 1907.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 192. 21*st December* 1907.

N.

REGULATIONS FOR ADVANCEMENT OF BOY ARTIFICERS AMENDED.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner, and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas Your Majesty, by Your Order in Council of the twenty-eighth day of March 1903, was graciously pleased to sanction the establishment of the rating of Boy Artificer and to lay down regulations for their advancement:

And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to modify the regulations of advancement shewn therein:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following rules being substituted for those laid down in Section I., clauses 1 to 4, of the above-mentioned Order in Council, viz.:—

"The establishment of the rating of Boy Artificer to be borne on Ship's Books with pay as follows:—

1st year, 6*d.* a day
2nd year, 7*d.* a day
3rd year, 8*d.* a day
4th year, 9*d.* a day
} in addition to victualling.

"On completion of the prescribed course in the Mechanical Training Establishments and having passed the required technical examination, to be rated Engine Room Artificer, Fifth Class, with pay of 3*s.* a day.

"Time served as Engine Room Artificer, Fifth Class, to count for advancement.

"Having completed the necessary practical training in seagoing ships, to be eligible for the rating of Acting Engine Room Artificer, Fourth Class, with the pay and advantages of that rating, and subject to the same regulations."

We would further submit that the above regulations may take effect as from the first day of January 1907.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{83.}{1908.}$

No. 192*. 21*st December* 1907.

N.

VARIATION OF NUMBERS OF CERTAIN RANKS OF ENGINEER OFFICERS.

WHEREAS by Your Majesty's Order in Council of the twenty-fourth day of March 1902, amended by Order in Council of the twenty-eighth day of March 1903, as regards titles,

the number of Engineer Officers of Your Majesty's Fleet has been fixed at 1,506, distributed as follows:—

Engineer in Chief - - - -	1
Engineer Rear Admirals (not to exceed 12) } Engineer Captains - - - - } -	30
Engineer Commanders - - - - } Engineer Lieutenants of 8 years' seniority duly qualified and selected - - - - }	354
Engineer Lieutenants under 8 years' seniority - } Engineer Sub-Lieutenants - - - } Engineer Sub-Lieutenants for temporary service }	703
Artificer Engineers - - - -	418
Total - -	1,506

And whereas by a further Order in Council of the twenty-eighth day of March 1903, the rank of Chief Artificer Engineer was introduced in Your Majesty's Navy:

And whereas further changes which have taken place since the date of the first-mentioned Order in Council have rendered it impracticable to adhere to the distribution of the several ranks as therein laid down:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize us, at our discretion, to vary the numbers in the several ranks of Engineer Commander and below, provided that the total establishment of Engineer Officers does not exceed 1,506, and that the number of Chief Artificer Engineers is limited to a maximum of one third of the total number of Chief Artificer Engineers and Artificer Engineers combined.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

No. 193. *21st December* 1907.
N.

COOK RATINGS.

Amended Regulations as to Titles, Pay, &c.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman,

or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas we have had under consideration the necessity for effecting some improvement in the general standard of Cookery in Your Majesty's Navy:

And whereas we are of opinion that with a view to placing Cook ratings upon a more equal footing with other branches of Your Majesty's Naval Service and attracting a superior class of candidate for entry, the existing rates of pay should be revised:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following titles and rates of pay being substituted for those at present in force, to take effect as from the 1st October 1907, under such arrangements as we may direct, viz.:—

Rating.	Pay per Diem. s.	d.
Second Cook's Mate - - - -	1	8
Cook's Mate - - - - -	2	0
Leading Cook's Mate - - - - - -	2	3
" " " after 3 years' service -	2	6
Ship's Cook (Petty Officer) - - - -	2	9
" " after 3 years' service -	3	0
Chief Ship's Cook (Chief Petty Officer) - -	3	6
" " " " after 3 years' service -	3	9
" " " " after 6 years' service -	4	0
" " " " after 9 years' service -	4	3
" " " " after 12 years' service -	4	6

We would further submit that the restriction as to the amount of the pension which can be earned by Cook ratings, as contained in Article 1932A of the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service, may be removed as from the same date.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

N. $\frac{86.}{1908.}$

No. 194.
A.G.

21st December 1907.

PETTY OFFICER TIME COUNTING DOUBLE FOR PENSION.

Regulations amended.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner, and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas we have had under our consideration the rule in the Regulations for the Government of Your Majesty's Naval Service which provides for the time served as Petty Officer to be doubled for pension purposes subject to certain conditions being fulfilled, one of these being that the Petty Officer's character must have been "Very Good" for the last year of his service, or, if invalided, in his last ship:

And whereas we are of opinion that this character stipulation tends to be unfair in its incidence and may entail excessive punishment for an offence affecting the assessment of character:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction an amendment of the rule so that Petty Officer time may be doubled for pension purposes with the exception of any such service for which the Petty Officer's character is assessed below "Very Good," this amendment to be applied at our discretion to men now serving and to any who have been pensioned as Petty Officers since 30th June 1907.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

No. 195. *21st December* 1907.

A.G.

ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN THIRD CLASS DOMESTICS FOR THE LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia that all pay, wages, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas under the Regulations governing Your Majesty's Naval Service, a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, entitling the holder to an addition to pension, may be awarded to men in certain ratings who have served for fifteen years with continuous "Very Good" character and have been recommended for the award for the three years immediately preceding application:

And whereas Third Class Domestics are ineligible for recommendation for this award:

And whereas, owing to the exigencies of the Service, cases arise in which men with previous service as First and Second Class Domestic have to be employed in the rating of Third Class Domestic and consequently may lose the benefit of any former recommendations for the award of the medal to them:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the introduction of a rule allowing Third Class Domestics who can show five years' service as First or Second Class Domestics, or the two combined, and who are otherwise eligible, to be recommended for the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, provided that they are not holding the lower rating on account of misconduct, thus admitting of the award of the Medal on re-employment in one of the higher ratings.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

No. 196. *21st December* 1907.
A.G.

SPECIAL ALLOWANCE TO JUNIOR ENGINEER LIEUTENANTS ON INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF OF MECHANICAL TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS.

WHEREAS by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, and other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas by Your Orders in Council of the 9th October 1903, and the 22nd October 1906, Your Majesty was graciously pleased to sanction the payment of certain allowances to the Engineer Officers appointed for the supervision of the Mechanical Training Establishments for Boy Artificers and Mechanicians:

And whereas we are of opinion that the increase of work in these Establishments now necessitates the grant of extra remuneration also to the junior Engineer Officers appointed thereto for instructional duties:

We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment of special allowances at the rate of Two shillings a day, in compensation for loss of charge pay, to each of the junior Engineer Officers appointed for instructional duties in these Establishments.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

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